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Contra Costa County Hosts Workshop to Help Seniors Prevent Real Estate Fraud

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Contra Costa County Real estate fraud targeting older adults is on the rise nationwide, putting many seniors at risk of losing their homes and life savings. To address this growing problem, the Contra Costa County District Attorney's Office held a workshop this week aimed at helping residents recognize and prevent these scams.

The event took place Wednesday at the Family Justice Center and was led by Supervising Deputy District Attorney Dana Filkowski. It was part of a series of community outreach

efforts during Elder Abuse Awareness Month, focused on protecting seniors from financial abuse and other crimes.

“Older adults are often targeted by fraudsters who use deceptive tactics to take advantage of them,” said Deputy District Attorney Filkowski. “Our goal is to provide clear information and practical advice to help families protect their loved ones.”

During the workshop, attendees learned about common types of real estate fraud, such as pressure to sign documents quickly, false refinancing offers, and forged signatures. The session also explained how to identify warning signs and the steps to take if fraud is suspected.

Participants were encouraged to consult trusted professionals before making any real estate decisions and to maintain open communication with family members to prevent isolation, which can increase vulnerability.

One participant commented, “This workshop helped me understand the risks and what to watch for. It’s reassuring to know where to get help.”

The District Attorney’s Office emphasized that in addition to educating the public, they are committed to investigating and prosecuting cases of elder financial abuse.

If you or someone you know may be a victim of real estate fraud or elder abuse, the Contra Costa County District Attorney’s Office encourages you to report it promptly.

For more information or assistance, contact the Contra Costa County District Attorney’s Office or the Family Justice Center.