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“[I]t is one of our nation’s fundamental promises – and one of the Justice Department’s guiding principles – that no one should have to endure discrimination and unfair treatment based on the qualities that make them who they are.”

--Attorney General Loretta Lynch

**Opening Remarks at the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute
Leadership Luncheon**

In Case you Missed It . . .

USAO Press Releases at a Glance

Whittier Woman Sentenced to Nearly 6 Years in Prison for Having Duped 400 Victim Homeowners – Many Spanish Speakers – of Nearly \$4 Million with False Promises of Eliminating Their Mortgages

<http://www.justice.gov/usao-cdca/pr/whittier-woman-sentenced-nearly-6-years-prison-having-duped-400-victim-homeowners-many>

Government Files Enforcement Actions against Two California Companies and Three Individuals to Stop Importation of Dangerous Children's Products

<http://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/government-files-enforcement-actions-against-two-california-companies-and-three-individuals>

Eight People Charged in a Bank Fraud Scheme that Allegedly Used Information Stolen by Wells Fargo Employees to Access Accounts

<http://www.justice.gov/usao-cdca/pr/eight-people-charged-bank-fraud-scheme-allegedly-used-information-stolen-wells-fargo>

Australian Man, Who Ran Third Largest Car Dealership in the United States and Was Fugitive for 24 Years, Pleads Guilty in \$50 Million Scheme that Defrauded Multiple Banks in the 1980s

<http://www.justice.gov/usao-cdca/pr/australian-man-who-ran-third-largest-car-dealership-united-states-and-was-fugitive-24>

New Indictment Adds Bank Fraud and Financial Aid Fraud Charges Against Two Orange County Men Charged with Conspiring to Provide Material Support to ISIL

<http://www.justice.gov/usao-cdca/pr/new-indictment-adds-bank-fraud-and-financial-aid-fraud-charges-against-two-orange>

Justice Department Resolves ADA Employment Discrimination Case Against Riverside County, California

<http://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/justice-department-resolves-ada-employment-discrimination-case-against-riverside-county>

California Man Charged in Mass Mailing Scam Aimed at Holders of U.S. Trademarks

<http://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/california-man-charged-mass-mailing-scam-aimed-holders-us-trademarks>

USAO IN THE NEWS . . .

Human Trafficking & Violence Reduction Network

Sheriff and US Atty Eileen Decker - Human Trafficking, VRN, Leadership Partnership

<http://www.nbclosangeles.com/video/#!/on-air/as-seen-on/NewsConference-EXTRA-Task-Force-Battles-Modern-Day-Slavery/330487681>

LA County Sheriff's Department, feds bury hatchet to fight crime

http://www.dailynews.com/government-and-politics/20151004/la-county-sheriffs-department-feds-bury-hatchet-to-fight-crime?utm_source=dlvr.it&utm_medium=twitter

Compton chosen for specialized crime-fighting program

<http://abc7.com/news/compton-chosen-for-specialized-crime-fighting-program/1020691/>

Mortgage Fraud

Whittier Woman Sentenced in Fraud Case

<http://sespesun.com/archives/11944>

Woman sentenced in \$4 million mortgage-debt scheme

<http://www.newsobserver.com/news/business/article37923696.html>

Mujer recauda \$4 millones en estafas a dueños de vivienda

<http://www.laopinion.com/2015/10/06/mujer-recaudo-4-millones-en-estafas-a-duenos-de-vivienda/>

Whittier woman in mortgage scam gets nearly 6 years

<http://www.sgvtribune.com/general-news/20151006/whittier-woman-in-mortgage-scam-gets-nearly-6-years>

Woman sentenced in \$4 million mortgage-debt scheme

<http://www.sacbee.com/news/business/article37923696.html>

Sextortion

Sextortion: Protecting Your Family

<http://www.nbclosangeles.com/investigations/Sextortion-Online-Extortion-Revenge-Porn-330746272.html>

Bank Fraud

Inglewood, Torrance man charged with defrauding Wells Fargo Bank

<http://www.dailybreeze.com/general-news/20151006/inglewood-torrance-man-charged-with-defrauding-wells-fargo-bank>

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More Bank Fraud

Former car dealer pleads guilty in \$50 million fraud

<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2015/oct/6/former-car-dealer-pleads-guilty-in-50-million-fraud/>

Brisbane's 'Bernie Madoff' pleads guilty

<https://au.news.yahoo.com/thewest/a/29750343/brisbanes-bernie-madoff-pleads-guilty/>

Former car dealer pleads guilty in \$50 million fraud

<http://www.mercedsunstar.com/news/state/article38035017.html>

Former Car Dealer Who Spent Decades On The Run Pleads Guilty To \$50 Million Bank Fraud

<http://sacramento.cbslocal.com/2015/10/06/former-car-dealer-who-spent-decades-on-the-run-pleads-guilty-to-50-million-bank-fraud/>

Fugitive car dealer admits bank fraud

<http://www.inlandnewstoday.com/story.php?s=39734>

Glendora car dealer guilty in decades old fraud scheme

<http://mynews1a.com/crime/2015/10/07/man-who-ran-huge-glendora-car-dealership-guilty-in-decades-old-fraud-scheme/>

Material Support for ISIL

More charges against two Anaheim men accused of aiding Islamic State

<http://www.ocregister.com/articles/elhuzayel-686605-fbi-federal.html>

Two California Men In Islamic State Case Face New Charges

<http://losangeles.cbslocal.com/2015/10/08/two-california-men-in-islamic-state-case-face-new-charges/>

O.C. men accused of trying to join Islamic State are charged with financial crimes

<http://touch.latimes.com/#section/-1/article/p2p-84642331/>

New Indictment Against Two Orange County Men

<http://sespesun.com/archives/11983>

California Men in Islamic State Case Face New Charges

<http://www.kolotv.com/home/headlines/California-Men-in-Islamic-State-Case-Face-New-Charges--331197432.html?ref=432>

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Violent Crime

\$600K In Cash Linked To Loomis Armored Truck Heist Found Buried In Fontana Backyard

<http://losangeles.cbslocal.com/2015/10/07/600k-in-cash-linked-to-loomis-armored-truck-heist-found-buried-in-fontana-backyard/>

About \$600,000 Found Buried at Fontana Home Is Connected to 2014 Armored Car Heist

<http://ktla.com/2015/10/07/some-500000-found-buried-at-fontana-home-is-connected-to-2014-armored-car-heist/>

\$600,000 found buried in backyard of Fontana home

[http://abc7.com/news/\\$600000-found-buried-in-backyard-of-fontana-home/1022183/](http://abc7.com/news/$600000-found-buried-in-backyard-of-fontana-home/1022183/)

\$500,000 Stolen in Armored Car Heist Found Buried in Yard

<http://www.nbclosangeles.com/news/local/Armored-Car-Driver-Heist-Buried-Cash-Found-FBI-331124992.html>

FBI finds \$600,000 buried in backyard, was stolen from armored car robbery

<http://touch.latimes.com/#section/-1/article/p2p-84639820/>

FBI digs up \$600,000 in backyard of driver convicted in armored-truck heist

<http://www.cnn.com/2015/10/07/us/armored-truck-heist-money-fbi-california/>

FBI Digs Up Buried Treasure In Yard Of Former Armored Truck Driver

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/buried-treasure-armored-truck-heist_56161c3fe4b0dbb8000d2bfc

FBI digs up \$600,000 from California yard of former armoured truck driver

<http://www.euronews.com/newswires/3077071-fbi-digs-up-600000-from-california-yard-of-former-armoured-truck-driver/>

Related Press Releases from Federal Agencies

California Woman Sentenced to 70 Months in Federal Prison for Nationwide Mortgage Scam

http://www.sigtar.gov/Press%20Releases/Najia_Jalan_Sentencing_Press_Release.pdf

PAST EVENTS . . .

Last week, the U.S. Attorney's Office and the Federal Public Defender's Office co-hosted an event celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month and featuring former AUSA Manny Medrano. Special thanks to the diversity committee for putting on this successful event.



Also last week, AUSAs April Christine and Melanie Sartoris (as well as FPD Hilary Potashner and former DFPD Firdaus Dordi) participated in United States District Judge Consuelo B. Marshall's 12th Annual Teaching Institute. The Institute is designed to introduce to high school teachers current, cutting-edge issues impacting society as interpreted by the courts and the law using a Supreme Court case, this year's case being Elonis v. United States, 575 U.S. ____ (2015).

