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**“[W]e are recognizing teams that investigated the actions of Citigroup, Bank of America and Standard & Poor’s in the run-up to the financial crisis of 2007 and 2008, achieving record settlements and sending an unmistakable message that the Department of Justice is prepared to go after anyone whose misconduct helped bring about the worst financial disaster since the Great Depression.”**

**--Attorney General Loretta Lynch**

**Opening Remarks at 63rd Annual Attorney General Awards**

# **In Case you Missed It . . .**

## **USAO Press Releases at a Glance**

**Former Broker at San Fernando Valley Brokerage Firm Sentenced to 18 Months in Federal Prison for Defrauding Investors**

<http://www.justice.gov/usao-cdca/pr/former-broker-san-fernando-valley-brokerage-firm-sentenced-18-months-federal-prison>

**Former President of Central Coast Investment Firm Sentenced to 7 Years in Prison for Defrauding Real Estate Investors**

<http://www.justice.gov/usao-cdca/pr/former-president-central-coast-investment-firm-sentenced-7-years-prison-defrauding-real>

**DMV worker, 5 others Charged in Identity Theft Scheme that used Puerto Rican Birth Certificates to Create Bogus Identity Documents**

<http://www.justice.gov/usao-cdca/pr/dmv-worker-5-others-charged-identity-theft-scheme-used-puerto-rican-birth-certificates>

**Federal Grand Jury Adds Wire Fraud and Tax Evasion Charges, as well as New Victims, to Fraud Case against Orange County Attorney**

<http://www.justice.gov/usao-cdca/pr/federal-grand-jury-adds-wire-fraud-and-tax-evasion-charges-well-new-victims-fraud-case>

**8 Charged in Federal Court in Relation to Skimmers Installed in Gas Pumps to Collect Credit Card and Debit Card Information**

<http://www.justice.gov/usao-cdca/pr/8-charged-federal-court-relation-skimmers-installed-gas-pumps-collect-credit-card-and>

**Five Assistant U.S. Attorneys from Los Angeles Receive Attorney General Awards for Work on Two Massive Fraud Cases**

<http://www.justice.gov/usao-cdca/pr/five-assistant-us-attorneys-los-angeles-receive-attorney-general-awards-work-two>

**Nevada Man Sentenced to Over 12 Years in Federal Prison for Running Ponzi Scheme involving E-mini S&P Futures**

<http://www.justice.gov/usao-cdca/pr/nevada-man-sentenced-over-12-years-federal-prison-running-ponzi-scheme-involving-e-mini>

**Operation 'Fright Night' Targets Cosmetic Contact Lenses that are Illegally Sold without a Prescription and Pose Risk to Eyesight**

<http://www.justice.gov/usao-cdca/pr/operation-fright-night-targets-cosmetic-contact-lenses-are-illegally-sold-without>

# USAO IN THE NEWS . . .

## Investment Fraud

**Former Atascadero lender sentenced to 7 years**

<http://calcoastnews.com/2015/10/former-atascadero-lender-sentenced-to-7-years/>

**Central Coast Investment Firm Defrauds Investors**

<https://www.edhat.com/site/tidbit.cfm?nid=160388>

**Former Central Coast investment head gets prison in real estate fraud**

<http://www.centralvalleybusinesstimes.com/stories/001/?ID=29289>

**Former Broker Sentenced for Fraud**

<http://www.labusinessjournal.com/news/2015/oct/20/former-valley-securities-broker-sentenced-fraud/>

**Former Valley Broker Sentenced for Fraud**

<http://www.sfvbj.com/news/2015/oct/20/former-valley-broker-sentenced-fraud/>

**Ex-rep gets 18 months behind bars for \$4M investment scam**

<http://mynews1a.com/crime/2015/10/19/ex-rep-gets-18-months-behind-bars-for-4m-investment-scam/>

**Representative of Valley Brokerage Firm Imprisoned for Investment Fraud**

<http://patch.com/california/encino/representative-valley-brokerage-firm-imprisoned-investment-fraud>

**Henderson man gets prison for Ponzi scheme that cost investors \$10 million**

<http://www.reviewjournal.com/news/las-vegas/henderson-man-gets-prison-ponzi-scheme-cost-investors-10-million>

**Ponzi Scheme Over E-mini S&P Futures Draws 12 Year Prison Term**

<http://www.lawfuel.com/ponzi-scheme-over-e-mini-sp-futures-draws-12-year-prison-term>

**Henderson man sentenced in California for multimillion-dollar Ponzi scheme**

[http://www.news3lv.com/content/news/local/story/Henderson-man-sentenced-California-Ponzi-scheme/\\_nZHqMFh6kCP472h9abktQ.csp](http://www.news3lv.com/content/news/local/story/Henderson-man-sentenced-California-Ponzi-scheme/_nZHqMFh6kCP472h9abktQ.csp)

**Nevada man gets prison for \$10-million investment fraud**

<http://www.ksby.com/story/30329926/nevada-man-gets-prison-for-10-million-investment-fraud>

## Operation Fright Night

**SoCal Businesses Charged With Illegally Selling Cosmetic Contact Lenses**

<http://www.nbclosangeles.com/news/local/cosmetic-lenses-poses-dangers-eyes-336745241.html>

**REGION: Cosmetic contact lenses targeted**

<http://www.pe.com/articles/contact-784352-lenses-owner.html>

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## Operation Fright Night (cont'd)

**'Fright Night' for sellers of Halloween contact lenses: 10 charged**

<http://mynews1a.com/crime/2015/10/23/fright-night-for-sellers-of-halloween-contact-lenses-10-charged/>

**Why you shouldn't wear those green contact lenses with your Halloween costume**

<http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-contact-lenses-halloween-20151023-story.html>

**Colored Contact Lenses for Halloween Can Injure Your Eyes, DOJ Warns**

<http://ktla.com/2015/10/23/colored-contact-lenses-for-halloween-can-injure-your-eyes-doj-warns/>

**10 retailers charged with selling decorative contact lenses without a prescription, some contaminated**

<http://www.oregister.com/articles/lenses-689020-contact-charged.html>

**Baldwin Park Store Allegedly Sold Halloween Contacts Illegally**

<http://patch.com/california/baldwinpark/baldwin-park-business-allegedly-sold-halloween-contacts-illegally>

**Region: Operation Fright Night Targets Misbranded Contact Lenses**

<http://www.wopular.com/region-operation-fright-night-targets-misbranded-contact-lenses>

**Cosmetic contact lenses raise concerns**

<http://www.inlandnewstoday.com/story.php?s=39937>

## Identity Theft

**8 accused of 'skimming' credit card numbers at gas stations**

<http://www.foxla.com/news/local-news/37169239-story>

**ESTAFADORES DE TARJETAS DE CREDITO OPERAN EN GASOLINERAS**

<http://noticias.estrellatv.com/noticias/estafadores-de-tarjetas-de-credito-operan-en-gasolineras/>

**Men arrested for skimming scam at Coachella Valley gas stations**

<http://www.kesq.com/news/men-arrested-for-skimming-scam-at-coachella-valley-gas-stations/35973152>

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA: 8 accused of 'skimming' credit card numbers at gas stations (UPDATE)**

<http://www.pe.com/articles/card-784092-stations-credit.html>

**Eight Charged with "Skimming" Financial Information at Gas Stations in Cities Across the Southwest, Including Long Beach**

<http://lbpost.com/news/crime/2000007355-eight-charged-with-installing-skimmers-in-gas-stations-to-steal-financial-information-across-southern-california-and-nevada-including-long-beach>

**Credit card theft ring leads investigators to valley gas stations**

[http://www.desertsun.com/story/news/crime\\_courts/2015/10/21/credit-card-theft-ring-leads-investigators-valley-gas-stations/74359960/](http://www.desertsun.com/story/news/crime_courts/2015/10/21/credit-card-theft-ring-leads-investigators-valley-gas-stations/74359960/)

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## Identity Theft (cont'd)

**Four suspected of 'skimming' credit card numbers at gas stations in Long Beach, elsewhere**

<http://www.presstelegram.com/general-news/20151021/four-suspected-of-skimming-credit-card-numbers-at-gas-stations-in-long-beach-elsewhere>

**8 Accused Of 'Skimming' Credit Card Numbers At Gas Stations**

<http://sacramento.cbslocal.com/2015/10/22/8-accused-of-skimming-credit-card-numbers-at-gas-stations/>

**Was your credit card info stolen from a gas station pump? Skimming scam suspects nabbed**

<http://mynews1a.com/crime/2015/10/21/southland-gas-station-credit-card-skimming-scam-crackdown/>

**8 charged in alleged credit card skimming ring**

<http://la.suntimes.com/la-news/7/88/385337/credit-card-skimmers-ring/>

**Four Men Responsible For Skimming Credit Cards In Santa Monica, L.A. Arrested**

<http://www.smmirror.com/articles/News/Four-Men-Responsible-For-Skimming-Credit-Cards-In-Santa-Monica-LA-Arrested/44393>

**6 people, including a DMV clerk, accused of selling Puerto Rican birth certificates**

<http://touch.latimes.com/#section/-1/article/p2p-84779438/>

**DMV Worker Indicted In Identity Theft Probe**

<http://losangeles.cbslocal.com/2015/10/21/dmv-worker-indicted-in-identity-theft-probe/>

**DMV Worker, 5 Others Charged in Identity Theft Scheme**

<http://www.randomlengthsnews.com/dmv-worker-5-others-charged-in-identity-theft-scheme/>

**Five arrested on suspicion of using Puerto Rican birth certificates in fake identity ring**

<http://www.ocreger.com/articles/identity-688540-federal-indictment.html>

**California DMV worker indicted in ID theft probe**

<http://www.bakersfieldnow.com/news/local/California-DMV-worker-indicted-in-ID-theft-probe-335320841.html>

**Five arrested on suspicion of using Puerto Rican birth certificates in fake identity ring**

<http://www.ocreger.com/articles/identity-688540-federal-indictment.html>

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## New Charges Against Attorney

**Stephen Young Kang Fraud Case is the Fraud Case That Keeps Giving (New Federal Charges)**

[http://blogs.ocweekly.com/navelgazing/2015/10/stephen\\_young\\_kang\\_federal\\_fraud\\_case\\_is\\_the\\_federal\\_fraud\\_case\\_that\\_keeps\\_giving\\_new\\_charges.php](http://blogs.ocweekly.com/navelgazing/2015/10/stephen_young_kang_federal_fraud_case_is_the_federal_fraud_case_that_keeps_giving_new_charges.php)

**Newport Beach Attorney Stole Millions from Clients, Prosecutors Allege**

<http://patch.com/california/newportbeach/newport-beach-attorney-stole-millions-clients-prosecutors-allege>

**Were you a victim? Feds file more charges against O.C. lawyer accused of stealing millions**

<http://mynews1a.com/orange-county/2015/10/21/o-c-attorney-faces-additional-charges-in-fraud-case/>

**Federal Grand Jury Adds Wire Fraud and Tax Evasion Charges, as Well as New Victims, to Fraud Case Against Orange County Attorney**

<http://voiceofoc.org/2015/10/federal-grand-jury-adds-wire-fraud-and-tax-evasion-charges-as-well-as-new-victims-to-fraud-case-against-orange-county-attorney/>

## CASA

**Wilmington woman stays out of prison thanks to federal court programs**

<http://www.presstelegram.com/general-news/20151017/wilmington-woman-stays-out-of-prison-thanks-to-federal-court-programs#.ViaTjvZelWw.email>

# PAST EVENTS . . .

This past weekend, Laura Alexander, Tony Brown, Bob Dugdale, Allena Johnson, Shaton McDaniel, Christopher Park, Ana Reyngach, Najah Shariff and Erik Silber all converged in Long Beach to participate in Make a Difference Day 2015. This remarkable group volunteered for Rebuilding Together Long Beach and, along with HOPE (Home Ownership for Personal Empowerment), the Surfrider Foundation and Long Beach Water Department, planted drought-tolerant and ocean-friendly landscaping at low-income housing in Long Beach.



# MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY







## MORE PAST EVENTS . . .

Congratulations to AUSAs George Cardona, Evan Davis, Lee Weidman, and Brent Whittlesey and former AUSA Anoiel Khorshid for receiving the Attorney General's Award this past week.

<http://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/attorney-general-loretta-e-lynch-hosts-63rd-annual-attorney-general-awards-honoring>

Also last week, Cyber and Intellectual Property Crimes Chief Tracy Wilkison spoke on a panel regarding Cybercrime and Legal Ethics at the 2015 Institute on Entertainment Law and Business at the University of Southern California Gould School of Law

<http://weblaw.usc.edu/why/academics/cle/entertainment/assets/docs/IELBbrochure.pdf>

## UPCOMING EVENTS . . .

This week AUSAs Lisa Feldman and Tracy Wilkison will be helping put on the Seventh Annual Cyber Crime Prevention Symposium which educates local middle and high school students about security and safety on the Internet. Speaker topics include child exploitation, cyber bullying, digital reputation, social media, sextortion, and other concerns.