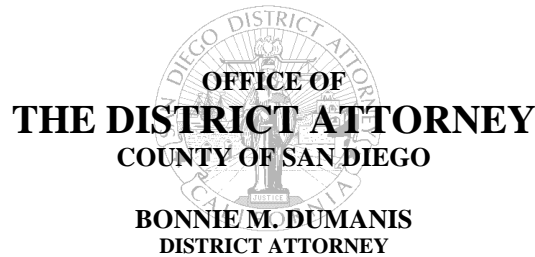


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DA Warns Public to Avoid Falling Victim to Distressed Homeowner Scam

The Economic Crimes Division of the District Attorney's Office has seen a marked increase in complaints from homeowners who have been contacted by scammers offering to perform a "forensic loan audit" of the owner's home loans. The pitch usually suggests that the scammer will be able to use the audit to prove "predatory lending" by the lender and ultimately "void" the loan.

Victims have been scammed thousands of dollars for a "forensic loan audit." The scam-artists sometimes create very professional-looking web-sites to convince victims, but may operate out of P.O boxes. Be sure to explore your FREE loan modifications from non-profit resources such as the Housing Opportunity Collaborative (<http://housingcollaborative.org/>)

Learn about this and other scams to protect yourself:
<http://www.fanniemae.com/homeowners/beware-of-scams.html>

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