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Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office Seeks Additional Victims of Immigration Fraud

On 07/17/2018, the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office Notario Fraud Unit arrested Gerardo Duenes for providing fraudulent immigration services to the Hispanic Community in Santa Clara County. The Sheriff's Office is asking the public to contact the Notario Fraud Unit if they believe they are also Victims of deceitful immigration services.

Duenes previously worked as an immigration officer in the Immigration and Naturalization Services (INS) agency for approximately 7 years during the late 1980's. Duenes capitalized on his previous profession to attract customers and validate his exorbitant fees. What Duenes failed to mention to his clients was that he was investigated and terminated for fraud while working at INS.

The Sheriff's Office determined Duenes was operating an immigration consultant business at 1629 Alum Rock Avenue, Suite #30, in the City of San Jose. He provided immigration services without the required Immigration Consultant clearance from the California Secretary of State and also did not have the required \$100,000 bond to operate an immigration consulting business. The Sheriff's Office credits the Victims in this case for coming forward and reporting this unjust practice. All identified Victims suffered significant financial losses and potentially missed immigration opportunities due to the inadequate immigration services provided by Duenes.

Duenes was arrested after a lengthy investigation coupled with multiple search warrants into his home and business. He is charged with two counts of grand theft and one count of providing immigration services while unregistered/bonded.

Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office believes it is critical that those in need of immigration services know what an Immigration Consultant can do for them and when they should seek legal aid. Local law enforcement is available to help families seek justice regardless of immigration status. Compliance with the Immigration Consulting laws provides the first step in safeguarding the Community from fraudulent immigration services and incompetent services resulting in lost cases or deportation.

The Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office Notario Investigations Unit is dedicated to the investigation, arrest and successful prosecution of immigration service fraud. For additional information about immigration service fraud, visit the Sheriff's Office Webpage located at: <https://www.sccgov.org/sites/sheriff/Pages/Notario-Fraud-Unit.aspx>

If you are a victim of immigration service fraud, please call at 408-808-4599 or email: Tips@Sheriff.sccgov.org

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GERARDO DUEÑES



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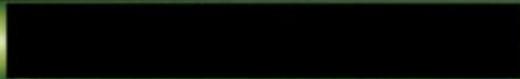
GERARDO CUENTA CON 25 AÑOS DE EXPERIENCIA AYUDANDO A LA COMUNIDAD HISPANA.

TRABAJO 7 AÑOS COMO OFICIAL DE INMIGRACION EN SAN JOSE CA.



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