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District Attorney Mike Ramsey announced today his office is presenting a two and one half day training session for law enforcement officers in the investigation of identity theft and fraud beginning Tuesday May 16, and running to Thursday. Law enforcement officers from agencies throughout California are gathered this week at the Gold County Casino and Hotel in Oroville to learn how to handle the newest and one of the fastest growing areas of crime, identity theft and fraud.

If you have not yet been a victim of identity theft, the odds are growing you may be in the future. Today's criminals are quickly learning to use computers and a wide range of sophisticated methods to steal from the public. Officers will be trained in identifying and investigating crime involving check fraud, credit card fraud, computer and internet fraud, as well as the trends in counterfeiting, postal fraud and contractor fraud. A segment of the almost three days of training will also concern workers compensation and automobile insurance fraud.

A special feature of the training includes a presentation by Michael Franzese, a convicted mafia mobster, once known as the "Long Island Don" and "The Prince of the Mafia" Mr. Franzese will present fraud from the criminals point of view.

On Thursday, **May 18** from 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. there will be a free public presentation about identity theft and fraud and everyone is invited to attend. For more information, you can visit the District Attorney's Office web site at www.buttecounty.net/da