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ATTORNEY GENERAL MASTO SEEKS PUBLIC'S ASSISTANCE TO LOCATE THREE MORTGAGE FRAUD SUSPECTS

Las Vegas, NV – Nevada Attorney General Catherine Cortez Masto is seeking the public's assistance to locate William Chrissikopoulos, 43, of Las Vegas, Nev., Alan Dornhuber, 63, of Las Vegas, Nev. and Lynda Finch-Estrada, 54, of Las Vegas, Nev. who were indicted in April 2013 by a Clark County grand jury for their operation of a mortgage lending fraud scam.

"We appreciate the victims who have come forward with their complaints and want to let others know they can still come forward if they believe they are a victim of these individuals or any mortgage fraud case," said Masto. "We hope the public will help provide us with more information on the defendant's whereabouts. My office and I will continue to do all that we can to protect Nevadans."

The investigation indicates there might be more Nevada and California residents affected by the scam.

AG Investigators describe Chrissikopoulos as a Caucasian male in his mid-40's, 6'2" tall, weighing 220 pounds with black hair and hazel/green eyes. Dornhuber is described as a Caucasian male in his mid-60's, 6'1" tall, weighing 260 pounds, with short light brown/grey hair and blue eyes. Finch-Estrada is described as a Caucasian female in her mid-50s, 5'2" tall, weighing 220 pounds with shoulder length blonde hair and blue eyes

Operating under the name USFP, Finch-Estrada, Chrissikopoulos, Dornhuber, and William Patterson, 51, of El Monte, Calif.(currently incarcerated) pushed a so-called "forensic audit" promising clients that if a "forensic audit" of their mortgage uncovered one or more "Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act (RESPA)" violations, clients would be entitled to a legal remedy resulting in the elimination of their mortgage obligation. Defendants also peddled an "administrative process" by falsely claiming that sending documents to various entities signed and fingerprinted in accordance with specific instructions including the use of multi-colored inks had legal significance which would result in clients obtaining their home free and clear of their mortgage by quitclaiming their home to a nonprofit, "American Home Rescue", paying rent to the alleged nonprofit for a period of time, and then having the nonprofit deed the home back to the clients.

The defendants typically charged \$6,295-\$12,990 up front for one or multiple programs but failed to deliver the promised service.

Anyone with any information about Chrissikopoulos, Dornhuber, and Finch-Estrada's whereabouts is urged to contact the U.S. Marshal's Office at 702-388-6355. Victims in Nevada with information regarding USFP are urged to submit a written Mortgage Fraud Complaint, which can be found on <u>the AG's website</u>.

For a complete list of charges <u>click here</u> for the press release. <u>Click here</u> to read the indictment.

This case is being prosecuted by Senior Deputy Attorney General Jeffrey Segal and Deputy Attorney General Sarah Overly of the Attorney General's Mortgage Fraud Unit.

Defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.



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FINCH-ESTRADA, LYNDA

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