<u>Defendant Pleads to Felony Real Estate</u> <u>Fraud Charges</u>



Sacramento County District Attorney's Office

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DATE: January 12, 2018

CASE: Dennis Joseph Giacopetti (Case #16FE011744)

PROSECUTOR: Deputy District Attorney Ruth Young, Real Estate

Fraud Unit

Dennis Joseph Giacopetti (aka Dennis Jacopetti) pled no contest to forgery, grand theft and filing false documents. Giacopetti also admitted the aggravated white collar enhancement and the enhancement for commission of a felony while released from custody on another case.

Giacopetti advertised the businesses Legal Aid Services of California and Legal Aid of California online and through Craigslist. Although he was not an attorney, Giacopetti represented himself as an attorney in order to obtain clients. Through these false representations, he unlawfully obtained legal fees from multiple victims. Giacopetti also filed false legal documents and illegally acted as a foreclosure consultant.

Giacopetti will be sentenced to 12 years in prison and ordered to pay restitution to all victims named in the complaint. Sentencing is set for February 18, 2018 at 8:30 a.m. in Department 62 before the Honorable Gregory Haas.

This case was investigated and prosecuted by the Sacramento County District Attorney's Real Estate Fraud Unit.

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