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AWARENESS, PREVENTION & INNOVATION IN THE AGE OF COVID-19



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Welcome & Introductions



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Mark your calendars for the **third Thursday of every month** from June 18, 2020, to May 20, 2021. Each session is scheduled from **12 to 1 PM** PST.

**December's webinar will be held on the second Thursday of the month, December 10th.*





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Kim McCoy Wade

Director

California Department of Aging

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Paul Greenwood

Expert in Elder Abuse Investigation and Prosecution

Collaboration and the Future of Elder Justice

June 18, 2020





**THIS PAST MONDAY
WAS....**





MY BACKGROUND





FROM UK SOLICITOR TO CALIFORNIA PROSECUTOR





**ONCE UPON A TIME A YOUNG MAN
FROM ENGLAND MET A YOUNG LADY
FROM SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA...**





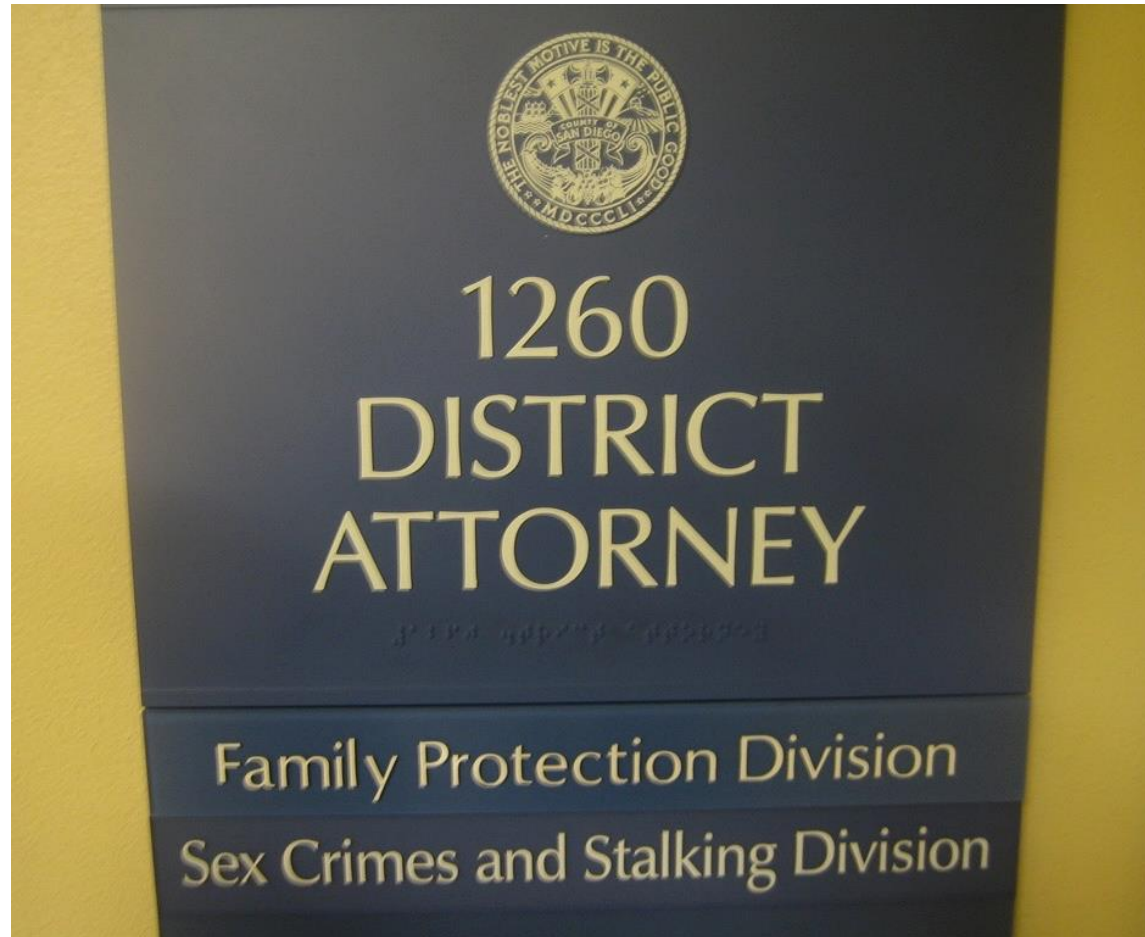


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MY DECISION TO “RETIRE” FROM THIS OFFICE...



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1979	2019
Long hair	Longing for hair
KEG	EKG
Acid Rock	Acid Reflux
Seeds and stems	Fiber
Hoping for a BMW	Hoping for a BM
Going to a new, hip joint	Getting a new hip joint
Rolling Stones	Kidney Stones
Disco	Costco
Whatever	Depends



\$37 BILLION



HOW CRIMINALS STEAL \$37 BILLION A YEAR FROM AMERICA'S ELDERLY

How Criminals Steal \$37 Billion a Year from America's Elderly

Telephone pitchers, online scammers and even family members target the most vulnerable among us. And it's about to get worse.



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**MY ELDER ABUSE PROSECUTION
JOURNEY BEGAN IN 1996**

Lasted 22 years...



THE MAIN LESSONS I LEARNED....



**FOR ME TO GET TO
THIS POINT...**





IT TAKES THE 3 CS



COOPERATION





COLLABORATION



COMMUNICATION



**IT TAKES A MULTI DISCIPLINE
TEAM APPROACH...**



WHO NEEDS TO BE ON THE TEAM?

State, County, Federal

Law Enforcement

Prosecutors

Social Services - APS, LTC Ombudsman, Public Guardian

Medical first responders & hospital staff & Medical Examiners

Mental Health personnel

Financial institutions



WHO NEEDS TO BE ON THE TEAM?

- “Gatekeepers”
 - Clergy
- Elder law attorneys
 - Psychologists
 - Academia
- Alzheimer’s Association
 - Advocacy groups
 - Retirees



EFFECTIVE “ROUNDTABLE” TECHNIQUES



AVOIDING COMMON “MYTHS”



OLDER ADULTS MAKE INEFFECTIVE WITNESSES





IT IS 'JUST A CIVIL MATTER'



VICTIM “DECLINES” TO PRESS CHARGES



**ELDER ABUSE CASES ARE
TOO TIME CONSUMING &
ARE MORE DIFFICULT TO
PROSECUTE**



THE FUTURE OF ELDER JUSTICE



THE TIMES THEY ARE A'CHANGING



Come senators, congressmen
Please heed the call
Don't stand in the doorway
Don't block up the hall
For he that gets hurt
Will be he who has stalled
The battle outside ragin'
Will soon shake your windows
And rattle your walls
For the times they are a-changin'

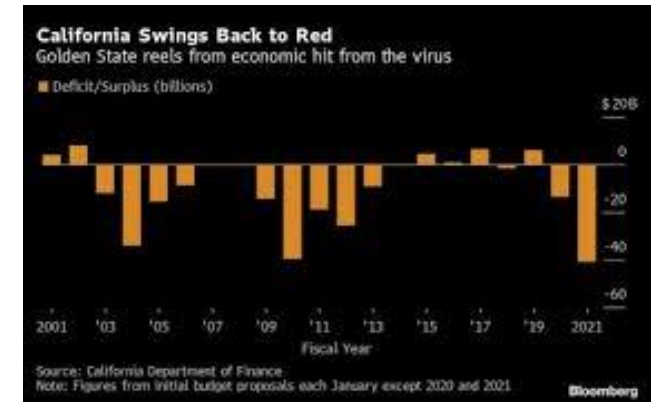


Credit to Bob Dylan...





Sentencing Discretion Incarceration Juveniles
Unjust Break the Cycle Judges
Reduce Recidivism Jobs
Background Checks Public Safety Alternatives Non-Violent CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORMS Civil Rights
Parole Records Expunged Change Detention Barriers Behavior
Employers Ex-Offenders Laws Just Criminal Record Federal Probation Cost Recurring
Effective Drug Use Parole Society Felons



MAKING BETTER USE OF EXISTING RESOURCES





Fraud Watch Network





BECOMING MORE INVOLVED IN LOCAL ELDER ABUSE TASK FORCES





EPC

Elder Protection Council

Tuesday, May 1st, 2018
9:00AM-11:00AM

**Raise Awareness.
Enhance Prevention.
Improve Protection.**

County of San Diego Operations Center, Kearny Mesa
5530 Overland Avenue, San Diego, CA 92123



Building 5530
Training Room 124



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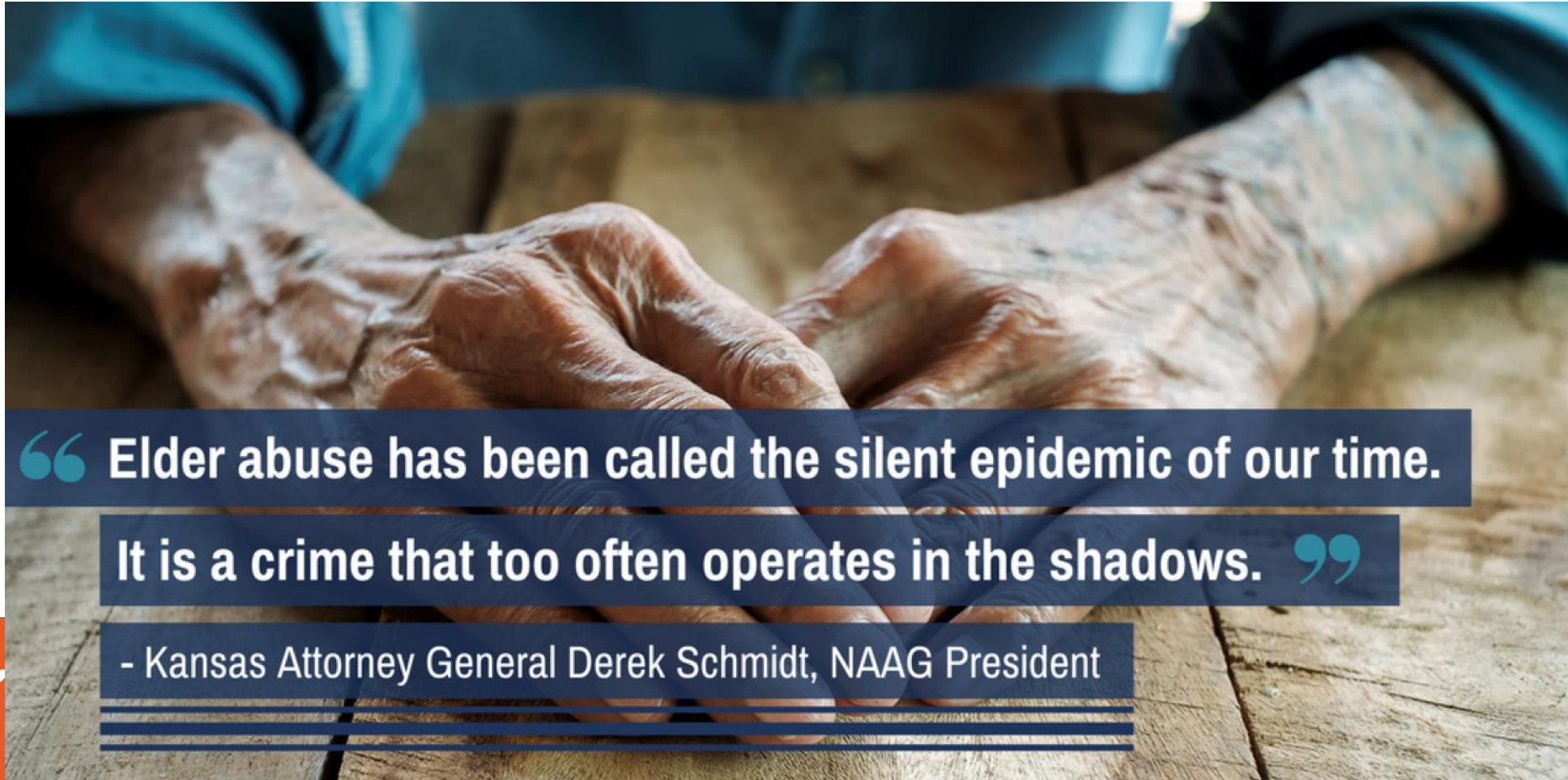
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MORE ADVOCACY





**“ Elder abuse has been called the silent epidemic of our time.
It is a crime that too often operates in the shadows. ”**

- Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt, NAAG President



BY 2035 THERE WILL BE MORE ELDERS THAN CHILDREN

According to a 2018 U.S. Census Bureau report, in 2035 “there will be 78.0 million people 65 years and older compared to 76.4 million under the age of 18.”



POWER IN PEACEFUL PROTEST





BE PART OF THE “ALTERNATIVE POLICING” DISCUSSIONS



BETTER PROSECUTION COLLABORATION

- Local County DA & City Attorney
- State Attorney General
- US Attorney - Elder Justice Coordinator



WHAT TO EXPECT IN 2021 & BEYOND...

- Increase in reports of suspected elder abuse as we all slowly emerge from “isolation”
- Spike in scams...romance, COVID related, phishing, investment
- More allegations of neglect & abuse in long term care facilities
- Emerging focus on conservator/guardian financial exploitation



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PURPOSE

PERSEVERANCE



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Q&A DISCUSSION



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REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!



JOIN US for Session #2 – July 16, 2020

Preventing Eviction in the Age of COVID-19



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Thank you!

