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## **CITY ATTORNEY ROCKY DELGADILLO'S IDENTITY THEFT AND FRAUD UNIT RECEIVES SPECIAL COMMENDATION FROM SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION FOR ANTI-FRAUD EFFORTS**

**LOS ANGELES** – Los Angeles City Attorney Rocky Delgadillo, the City's chief prosecutor, was today awarded a special commendation by the United States Social Security Administration, Office of the Inspector General for his Identity Theft and Fraud Unit's successful collaboration with them in the aggressive prosecution of fraud.

"Our office fully supports and appreciates the efforts of the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office Identity Theft and Fraud Unit in prosecuting fraud committed in the City of Los Angeles against Social Security Programs," said Special Agent in Charge David Butler, with the Social Security Administration Office of Inspector General, Los Angeles Field Division. "The Unit is a true partner to the Social Security Administration in its mission to improve our programs and operation and protect them against fraud, waste and abuse."

In December 2005, the Social Security Administration Office of the Inspector General joined prosecutors from the City Attorney's Identity Theft and Fraud Unit to jointly investigate and prosecute instances of Social Security fraud in the City of Los Angeles. Since then, the City Attorney's Office has filed more than 60 cases as a result of joint investigations and cooperation resulting in a 100% conviction rate.

Prosecutions by the City Attorney's Office have resulted in more than \$2 million in restitution orders for victims of social security and identity theft fraud. In addition, the City Attorney's Identity Theft and Fraud Unit has recovered and returned more than \$150,000 to the Social Security Administration Fund.

Members of City Attorney Delgadillo's Identity Theft and Fraud Unit recognized by the Social Security Administration include Supervising Deputy City Attorney Jerry Baik, Deputy City Attorney Christopher R. Garcia, Deputy City Attorney Maureen Rodriguez, Deputy City Attorney Syndi Hoa, and Senior Legal Clerk Leyla Siordia.

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