

El Dorado County targeting welfare fraud

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The El Dorado County Health and Human Services Agency reports that a team effort with the District Attorney's Office to combat welfare fraud resulted in the referral of more than 200 cases and recovery of more than \$340,000 last year.

"We take fraud seriously," Patty Moley, program manager of income maintenance and employment services, said in a written statement. "Our job is to make sure that people who need and qualify for benefits receive them. But it is also our responsibility to look for false information and potential fraud situations."

Suspected fraud cases are referred to the District Attorney's Office to be investigated. Investigators go to the client's home and/or employer to verify information and collect any needed documents. The information is reviewed and, if warranted, the fraud case is formally prosecuted, officials said.

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