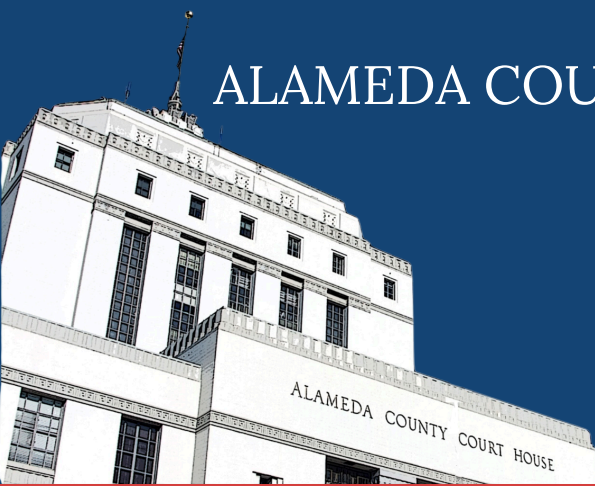


ALAMEDA COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE



FOR THE PEOPLE:
THE D.A.'S DOCKET
FIRST QUARTER 2026

NEWSLETTER: APRIL 2026

Message from District Attorney Ursula Jones Dickson



Welcome to the second edition of For the People: The D.A.'s Docket, presented in recognition of National Crime Victims' Rights Week. The theme of this issue, reflected in its colors, affirms a belief that guides my Administration: justice must center on victims, support healing, promote public safety, hold offenders accountable, and help build a District Attorney's Office that the public can once again trust. On February 18, I marked one year since being sworn in as your District Attorney, and that anniversary offered an opportunity to reflect on the responsibility of this role and the work we must continue to do to keep Alameda County safe.

Inside, you will read about the resolution of the Kevin Nishita case, new Family Justice Center public service announcements, a survivor job fair, outreach to prevent real estate fraud, and information about victims' rights. Together, these stories reflect the broad scope of public safety work, ensuring accountability, preventing crime, raising awareness, and supporting those most affected by it.

April has provided another meaningful opportunity to reaffirm our Office's commitment to victims, survivors, and the broader community. In recognizing National Child Abuse Prevention Month, Sexual Assault Awareness Month, and National Crime Victims' Rights Week, we have also continued our community engagement and outreach to help make support visible and accessible for survivors. Through upcoming events like the Family Justice Center Open House and Resource Fair, we are working to build safer communities and strengthen trust through action. On Denim Day, April 29, we will wear denim in solidarity with sexual assault survivors, helping raise awareness and stand against victim-blaming. This work is rooted in our commitment to safety, dignity, and justice — for the People.

Ursula

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Scan the QR code to watch the February 6 press conference.

SECURING JUSTICE

Justice was served in the 2021 killing of retired San Jose Police Officer Kevin Nishita. The Alameda County District Attorney's Office secured convictions against Laron Gilbert, Shadihia Mitchell, and Hershel Hale.

District Attorney Ursula Jones Dickson called the outcome "extraordinary and rare"; Gilbert was sentenced to 30 years to life after pleading guilty to first-degree murder with enhancements, while Mitchell and Hale were each sentenced to 25 years in prison for robbery with enhancements.

PUBLIC SAFETY THROUGH PUBLIC AWARENESS



We're excited to launch a series of countywide public service announcements (PSAs) highlighting the vital support and services available through the Alameda County Family Justice Center (FJC) for survivors of violence and abuse.

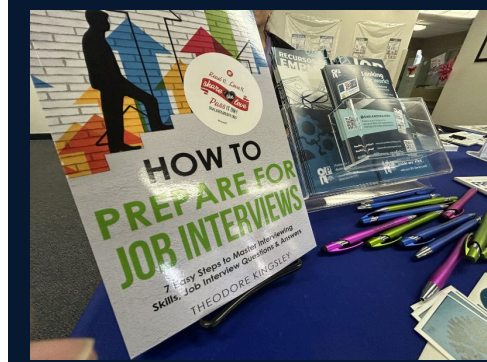
These PSAs help raise awareness of the Center's comprehensive survivor resources and connect community members to the help they need.

Scan the QR Code to connect to the video. Go to ACFJC.org for more information.



SURVIVOR JOB FAIR

On March 4, 100 job seekers attended a job fair at the Alameda County Family Justice Center, hosted by the Alameda County District Attorney's Office. The event connected crime survivors with a dozen employers and several community organizations, highlighting the role of employment in promoting stability, expanding opportunity, and strengthening communities.



"A steady job means a steady paycheck, a safer home, and more options."

-DA Ursula Jones Dickson



Empowerment

Connecting survivors to resources and support.



Prevention

Standing together to promote safer roads and prevent impaired driving.



Engagement

Building community understanding of the resources our Office provides.



Community

Sharing resources at annual community events.



Commitment

Highlighting the need for continued awareness and intervention to combat human trafficking and labor exploitation.



Service

Improving regional partnerships to address public safety locally.



Partnership

Supporting law enforcement with guidance on investigating and addressing retail theft.



Presence

Showing up in the community to listen, learn and build trust in the DA's Office.



Honor

Speaking on issues that matter to public safety and community trust.

D.A. JONES DICKSON TACKLES REAL ESTATE FRAUD TO PROTECT HOMEOWNERS

The Alameda County District Attorney's Office is committed to preventing real estate fraud and protecting homeowners, older adults, and families from schemes that can threaten property rights and generational wealth. On February 24, 2026, the Office addressed more than 750 real estate agents and brokers from Alameda and Contra Costa Counties, where Kate DeFerrari and Abbie Tse Higashi of the D.A.'s Real Estate Fraud Unit warned about forged deeds, fake trusts, and powers of attorney, fraudulent sales, rental, and vacant property scams, and AI-generated fake documents.

In March, District Attorney Ursula Jones Dickson also met with real estate professionals serving Alameda County's unincorporated communities to strengthen local efforts to combat real estate fraud. The Office also highlighted the County's deed transfer notification letter program, developed in partnership with the Alameda County Assessor's Office, as an important safeguard to help property owners detect suspicious transfers early, along with complaint and reporting options.



2/24 presentation to 750 real estate agents & brokers.

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT:
da.alamedacountyca.gov/cewpd/real-estate-fraud/

EVENTS TO LOOK FOR IN APRIL

- National Child Abuse Prevention Month
- Sexual Assault Awareness Month
- National Crime Victims' Rights Week
 - April 19-25
- Survivor Resource Fair
 - April 23
- Denim Day
 - April 29

ASSISTING SURVIVORS


The Victim Witness Assistance Division supports crime victims and witnesses throughout the criminal justice process, while serving as liaisons between victims and law enforcement.

To learn more, call (510) 272-6180, scan, or visit:
<https://da.alamedacountyca.gov/victim-witness/>



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