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Investigation by Los Angeles County Consumer and Business Affairs, Attorney General Leads to Charges against Alleged Unlawful Immigration Consultant

LOS ANGELES – A joint investigation by the County of Los Angeles Department of Consumer and Business Affairs (DCBA) and California Attorney General's Consumer Law Section and Division of Law Enforcement has resulted in criminal charges against **Edgardo Guerrero** of "Oficina Guerrero." Guerrero, who is not an attorney, is accused of defrauding undocumented immigrants and their families seeking lawful permanent residence in the United States. He charged thousands of dollars for legal services that he was not legally qualified to give and failed to maintain a required bond. California Attorney General Xavier Becerra announced the arrest and filing of charges today.

If you paid Guerrero for immigration assistance and believe he may have defrauded you, please contact DCBA immediately by calling **(800) 593-8222**.

"Our department stands at the ready to educate, defend, and speak up for the residents of the County, especially the most vulnerable among us," said DCBA Director Brian J. Stiger. "If you believe you are a victim of fraud, regarding immigration services or any transaction, we are here to help."

"No one, regardless of status, should have to deal with fraudulent behavior while seeking legal advice," [said Attorney General Becerra](#). "At a time when the Trump Administration stokes fear and desperation in communities across the State, the California Department of Justice is committed to protecting families from unscrupulous practitioners who would exploit them for personal gain."

Guerrero was arrested on March 22, 2018, booked into the Los Angeles County jail, and is being held on \$80,000 bail.

Since 1976, the County of Los Angeles Department of Consumer and Business Affairs (DCBA) has served consumers, businesses, and communities through education, advocacy, and complaint resolution. We work every day to educate consumers and small business owners about their rights and responsibilities, mediate disputes, investigate

consumer fraud complaints, and enforce Los Angeles County's minimum wage ordinance. For more information, visit dca.lacounty.gov.

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