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Dear

On Wednesday, May 7, 2008, the Mother Lode Long Term Care Ombudsman is holding a wonderful, informative conference on "Elder Abuse Awareness" at the Jackson Rancheria Conference Center. This conference is featuring several well-known experts in the field of Elder Abuse including:

- **Prescott Cole** ~ Senior Staff Attorney for California Advocates for Nursing Home Reform ~ will talk about unscrupulous "estate planners" and the many predatory sales pitches that seniors may encounter when planning for their long-term care.
- **Carl Vega** ~ Investigator for California State Contractor's Association ~ updating us on the latest home improvement scams occurring in the Foothills. He will include names of companies to watch for.
- **Elizabeth Edgerly, PhD.** ~ Director, Alzheimer's Association ~ will address protecting loved ones who are developing dementia from being victims of scams and identity theft.

In addition, Matt Zanze, who is the director of Adult Protective Services in Amador County, will be giving an overview of our local services.

The cost for conference is \$40 for the general public and \$25 for seniors (60 or over) and includes a continental breakfast and a lunch buffet. The conference runs from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. If you cannot attend this conference, perhaps you know a senior client who would benefit from the information or has been a victim of financial abuse. You could purchase a \$25 ticket as a gift to that client as an incentive for them to attend!

If you would like to have an informational table at the event, please contact Shauna Coke at the Mother Lode LTC Ombudsman's office. (scoke@ccstockton.org) or call her at 209.532.7632. Tables are \$70 and include breakfast, lunch and attendance at the conference.

The speakers who are presenting at this conference are nationally known experts in their field. This is a very inexpensive opportunity to gain a great deal of crucial information!

PLEASE CONSIDER ATTENDING OR SENDING SOMEONE !!