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**COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE TO HOST LEGAL
ASSISTANCE DAY FOR THE ELDERLY**

Many people look forward to old age as a time for rest and relaxation, a time to reap the rewards of a lifetime of hard work, and a time to live with dignity. Unfortunately, this vision never materializes for many senior citizens in El Paso. Too often, many find the consequences of living on a fixed income more difficult than they had envisioned. The elderly population faces numerous problems at a time in their lives when strength and ability may be weakened. Additionally, the elderly population is often a target for unscrupulous and/or illegal business practices or scams.

In an effort to educate seniors regarding legal matters affecting them and inform them about the free services available to improve their lives, El Paso County Attorney José R. Rodríguez has organized the third "Annual Legal Day for the Elderly."

The free event will include a "living wills clinic", where seniors will be provided legal assistance in executing living wills and limited long-term legal planning. This year Texas Rio Grande Legal Aid will also provide assistance with the preparation of wills for eligible clients. Other activities include seminars on how to prevent identity theft, and how to avoid scams directed towards seniors, especially Medicare and Medicaid fraud.

The Visiting Nurses Association (VNA) will be providing free flu shot to seniors with Medicare and Medicaid, and will be offering them to the public for \$30.

The event is open to the public and **free** of charge. There will be simultaneous Spanish translation and free refreshments.

For more information, or to register, please call the Elder Protection Unit of the El Paso County Attorney's Office at (915) 546-2239.

WHAT: 3rd Annual Free Legal Day for the Elderly

WHO: El Paso County Attorney's Office

WHEN: Tuesday November 27, 2007 from 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

WHERE: Ysleta ISD Administrative Building

9600 Sims

INFO: Elder Protection Unit at (915) 546-2239

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