



**DAVE JONES**  
Insurance Commissioner

August 25, 2017

The Honorable Clifford Newell, District Attorney  
Nevada County District Attorney's Office  
201 Commercial Street  
Nevada City, CA 95959

Re: Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Grant Award for Automobile Insurance Fraud

Dear District Attorney Newell:

I am pleased to report that for Fiscal Year 2017-2018, \$15,259,000 is available to distribute to 34 District Attorney Offices representing 38 counties. We received applications requesting \$21,008,649 in grant funding. This exceeded the amount available by \$5,749,649. **Nevada County** has been awarded **\$31,817** for the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Automobile Insurance Fraud Program. This grant award is to be used for the investigation and prosecution of automobile insurance fraud and economic car theft.

The appropriation is based on projected revenues, including the amount of restitution collected. Grant disbursements are contingent on actual revenues; therefore, if the amount of revenue collected is less than the projected amount, grant disbursements to counties will be adjusted accordingly.

The decision to grant these funds was made in consultation with the Department's Automobile Grant Review Panel. Each application for grant funding was thoroughly reviewed, with consideration given to the goals and objectives that I set as Insurance Commissioner. Please feel free to contact Assistant Chief Kathleen Rooney at (916) 854-5728 if you want to discuss your application and award.

In addition, we are currently seeking permission from the Department of Finance and the Legislature to proceed with disbursement of an additional \$1,021,012. If we receive the authority to spend the full amount, an additional \$1,817 will be awarded to your county. We hope to have this decision by November 1, 2017.

Thank you for submitting your application and undertaking this effort. Together we can make a significant impact in the fight against automobile insurance fraud in California.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dave Jones".

**DAVE JONES**  
Insurance Commissioner

cc: Randall Billingsley, Chief DA Investigator