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BAKERSFIELD: The Kern County District Attorney's Office announced today that Kern County Superior Court Judge Lorna Brumfield has issued a temporary restraining order, and appointed a receiver to prevent two local businesses and their owner, Michael McWilliams, from engaging in false and deceptive business practices that target senior military veterans and their spouses.

The Kern County District Attorney's Office sought the temporary restraining order and the appointment of attorney Ken Byrum as a receiver to oversee the operation of Mike McWilliams and the two companies that he owns, Ally Senior Care and Senior Veterans Benefit Advocates. Judge Brumfield issued the orders in a case that was filed by Deputy District Attorney John Mitchell on April 22, 2015, on behalf of the Kern County District Attorney's Office.

In the lawsuit, the Kern County District Attorney's Office alleges that Michael McWilliams and his two companies, Ally Senior Care and Senior Veterans Benefit Advocates have filed false documents with the United States Department of Veterans Affairs and have taken advantage of senior military veterans and their spouses. The lawsuit alleges that McWilliams and his companies have fraudulently and deceptively misrepresented the nature of the services that they provide to senior military veterans and their spouses in order to obtain aid and attendance benefits for seniors. The lawsuit alleges that in so doing, McWilliams and his companies have defrauded both the United States Department of Veterans Affairs as well as senior military veterans and their spouses who have responded to their advertisements and solicitations. McWilliams had operations in Kern, Fresno, Kings, Tulare, and Madera Counties.

The Kern County District Attorney's Office encourages anyone who thinks that they may have been victimized by McWilliams or his companies, or who has any questions about the aid and attendance benefits available through the United States Department of Veterans Affairs to contact either the Kern County Veterans Service Department, the Kern County Department of Aging and Adult Services, or the Kern County District Attorney's Office.