



FROM THE OFFICE OF
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THE **SENIOR NEWS**



Just in time for our Senior Safety Awareness Month, our Senior Safety Calendars will be available in September. If you are not already on our mailing list and would like a calendar, please contact Melanie Hart at (330) 643-8674 or hart@prosecutor.summitoh.net.

The most important feature of our senior calendar is the tips provided each month. These tips are related to actual crimes we see in our office. Please read these tips and share them with your family and friends.

The Senior Safety Calendar is an important tool to help you protect yourself, but it is not the only one. I dedicate a large portion of my time all year to educating seniors on how to minimize their chances of being targeted by criminals.

I speak to senior groups about scams and other crimes, such as purse snatchings and burglaries. Additionally, I sponsor self-defense classes that are geared toward the elderly.

I value our seniors and want to arm them with the knowledge and skills they need to prevent themselves from being victimized. I hope you find this newsletter helpful and hope to see you at some of our September Senior Safety Awareness Month events!

**Look for Us at these
Upcoming Events!**

WAKR Senior Luncheon

August 3, 2016, 11:00am
St. George Fellowship Hall
3204 Ridgewood Rd., Fairlawn 44313
For tickets, email Joyce Lagios at jlagios@rcrg.net
or call (330) 869-9800, ext. 134

Crime Safety Speech

August 11, 2016, 1:00pm
Kenmore Seniors
880 Kenmore Blvd., Akron 44314

Akron Zoo Senior Safari

September 2, 2016
10:00am-2:00pm

Crime Safety Speech

September 7, 2016, 7:15pm
St. Matthew Parish Catholic Church
2603 Benton Ave., Akron 44312

Women's Crime Safety Speech

October 15, 2016, 11:30am
Fairlawn Country Club
200 N. Wheaton Rd., Fairlawn 44313

Crime Safety Speech

October 28, 2016, 1:00pm
Trinity Lutheran Church
50 N. Prospect St., Akron 44304

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Akron, Ohio 44308
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Thank you to
Magistrate Ron
Cable for
assisting in our
self-defense
classes.



Crimes Against the Elderly

Here are some of the cases involving crimes against the elderly that my office has prosecuted recently:

Brandon Elkins: Elkins pleaded guilty to **Aggravated Robbery, Aggravated Burglary, Escape, Burglary, and Receiving Stolen Property**, as well as violating his probation. Elkins followed an 81-year-old woman into her home as she was unloading groceries, dragged her around her house, demanded money, pulled jewelry off of her arm and then fled. He was later implicated in a number of other burglaries and was sentenced to **15 years in prison**.

Remember:

- Don't assume you are safe just because it is daytime. Crimes occur just as often during the day as at night.
- Constantly look to your left, to your right, and behind you to see if anyone is following you.
- Lock your door as soon as you enter your home or car.

Marquita Scott: Scott pleaded guilty to **Theft from the Elderly** and was sentenced to **1 year probation**. Scott was a home health aide to the 93-year-old victim when she asked the victim for money. The victim agreed to give Scott \$10, but after the Defendant left her home, \$60 was missing from the victim's wallet, and Scott never returned. **Scott's felony conviction ensures she will not be able to work as a home health aide again.**

Remember:

- Find out if home health aides you are considering hiring have undergone a thorough criminal background check.
- Also, if elderly friends tell you about someone inappropriately spending their money, notify the police.

Did You Know?

You can cut down on junk mail, spam emails, and telemarketing calls by doing the following:



Mail: You can opt out of receiving prescreened offers of credit and insurance for five years by calling 1-888-567-8688 or by visiting www.optoutprescreen.com. If you want to opt out permanently, you can start the process at www.optoutprescreen.com. You can also reduce the amount of other unsolicited commercial mail you receive by registering with the Direct Marketing Association's Mail Preference Service at www.dmachoice.org.

Telemarketers: Register your phone number at www.donotcall.gov, or call 1-888-382-1222 from the phone number you want to register.

Email: Opt out of receiving unsolicited commercial email from Direct Marketing Association members for six years via their Email Preference Service at www.dmachoice.org.



Dumpster Diving Thieves

Thieves look in garbage cans and elsewhere for discarded credit card statements and receipts to obtain card numbers. These papers can be used to steal your identity and set up credit in your name. We recommend that you shred sensitive papers.