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# THE SENIOR NEWS

## LEARN SIMPLE TECHNIQUES TO PROTECT YOURSELF



Sheriff Steve Barry demonstrates a self-defense move.

Sheriff Steve Barry and I recently hosted a self-defense class at the Barberton Active Adult Senior Center. More than 50 seniors attended and learned simple techniques such as what to do if someone grabs your wrist or puts you in a chokehold.

We started these classes for senior citizens 12 years ago and within the past three years have expanded them to include women of all ages. The classes are not only informative, but a lot of fun. Even if you have already been to one of our classes, come practice what you learned. There is no registration and classes are free.

“My sister and I attended the program this past Friday in Barberton. What an unbelievable, fantastic experience it was for both of us, in many unimaginable ways. We left with tons of helpful information, which we will practice. We love her!! It just doesn't get better than that!! “

Mrs. Becker

## SHOULD YOU GIVE MONEY TO PANHANDLERS ?



We have all seen the panhandlers on the corners, intersections and even on the off ramps of the expressway. We wonder if that person really needs help or if it is just another scam.

One of my employees was approached by a woman at an intersection who claimed she was a nurse with Summa. She said her car broke down and she needed cab money. When my employee hesitated about giving her money, the woman kept pointing to her badge saying she really was a nurse. Summa later confirmed it was a scam. One giveaway was this woman did not have her picture on her badge which is required for all Summa employees.

A gentleman at one of my speeches told me he actually followed three panhandlers after their shift. In two instances, they walked a short distance to their very nice cars and drove away.

It is your choice to give these panhandlers money. However, I would recommend donating to an agency that provides services to the homeless, such as Haven of Rest. You can also check the Better Business Bureau website to verify if an agency is legitimate before giving a donation.

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**Jon Oldham**, a magistrate with the Probate Court, helps Sheriff Steve Barry demonstrate a self-defense move at the Barberton Active Adult Center.

## Crimes Against the Elderly

**Joey Maddox:** Maddox pleaded guilty and was sentenced to four years in prison for pushing his grandmother and causing her to fall, breaking two ankles and her pelvis.

**Raeshawn Fain:** Fain was found guilty of Aggravated Robbery and sentenced to four years in prison for trying to rob an elderly victim in his car. The victim would not roll down his windows so Fain tried to bash them in with a gun.

**Gregory Schultz:** Schultz pleaded guilty to Theft from the Elderly and Forgery and was sentenced to two years in prison. The victim's purse was stolen which included \$200 cash, her checkbook, and various gift cards from her unlocked car in her driveway.

## The Douglas Prade Case

There is a lot of confusion about the recent activities in the Douglas Prade case.

A jury convicted Prade in 1998 for the murder of his wife. Following several lengthy hearings, Judge Judy Hunter released Prade from prison last year, claiming new evidence pointed toward his innocence. My office disagreed and appealed that decision. Last month, the Court of Appeals agreed with my office, saying Judge Hunter was wrong and that she should not have released Prade from prison. As Prade continues to appeal his case, we are continuing to fight to return him to prison, where he belongs.

Go to our website for a Q&A on the case:  
[www.co.summitoh.net/prosecutor](http://www.co.summitoh.net/prosecutor)

## Alert!

### Malaysia Plane Virus on Facebook!



As if the missing Malaysia plane situation is not bad enough, there is a predatory virus currently on Facebook. By clicking on the fake video (pictured above), the link sends you to malicious websites and exposes your computer to viruses and possible hacking. Be careful! If you do not know the origin of a link, delete it from your page.

## LOOK FOR OUR BOOTH!



### WAKR Senior Luncheon

May 7, 2014

Todaro's Party Center  
1820 Akron-Peninsula Rd.

Akron 44313

\$12.00

Doors open at 11:00 a.m.; Lunch at 12:15 p.m. Purchase tickets at WAKR, 1795 W. Market St., Akron, Ohio 44313 or send a check made out to WAKR Senior Lunch with a self-addressed stamped envelope to the address above.