



FROM THE OFFICE OF
SUMMIT COUNTY PROSECUTOR
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THE SENIOR NEWS



Whom Can You Trust?

Kindness, respect, and trust as we all know can go a long way. Unfortunately, some people do not believe in this ideology, even people that we keep closest to us.

Recently, our office has come across alarming cases that have raised questions on whom to trust in this day and age. In December, an elderly woman set down her purse during a Church service to receive communion only to have the purse stolen. The thieves used her funds to buy nearly \$1,000 worth of merchandise from grocery stores. In Akron's Highland Square area, a 14-year-old boy was taken into custody after carjacking a man at gunpoint.

In addition to these recent theft cases, we have also come across more disturbing cases. Billy Patterson recently pled guilty to charges of rape, aggravated burglary and felonious assault of a 72-year-old woman. The victim and Billy had known each other for 10 years prior to the crime being committed.

Being aware and knowing that not everyone is as trustworthy as we may want to believe is a necessary precaution we all need to take. Always remember to lock your doors, and put your purse or wallet in a safe place, even while loading groceries into your car. Apparently you have to do this even in church!

Be aware of what is happening around you even during the day.

If you or anyone you know feels threatened in any way, call the police immediately.

Look for Us at these Upcoming Events

Senior Safety Speech

Sponsored by the Akron Police Department
February 22, 2017, 11:00 a.m.
Northwest Family Recreation Center
1730 Shatto Ave., Akron, Ohio 44313

Women's Self-Defense Class

February 22, 2017, 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
Kenmore High School, 2140 13th Street SW
Akron, Ohio 44314

Senior Safety Speech

February 23, 2017, 1:00 p.m.
Portage Trail Village
45 Cathedral Lane, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio

Senior Safety Speech

Sponsored by the Akron Police Department
March 9, 2017, 1:00 p.m.
Kenmore Community Center
880 Kenmore Blvd, Akron Ohio 44314

Women's Self-Defense Class

March 21, 2017, 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
First Apostolic Faith Church
790 Easter Ave., Akron, Ohio 44307

Cuyahoga Falls Community EXPO

March 25, 2017, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Cuyahoga Falls Natatorium


WAKR Luncheon

May 10, 2017, 11:00 a.m.
Todaro's Party Center
1820 Akron Peninsula Rd., Akron, Ohio 44313

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Identity Theft Warnings/Tips

- ⇒ Use a shredder to discard important documents with bank account information, passwords, etc. 
- ⇒ Only use Credit and Debit Cards at legitimate locations. Be wary of flea markets and local, small market stores. These may not have the protected servers major corporations have.
- ⇒ Do not give out passwords and pin pass codes, even to family members, unless you truly trust that person receiving the information.
- ⇒ Do not show social security numbers to anyone. This is one of the easiest ways for criminals to gain information about every aspect of your life.
- ⇒ Be careful when using public computers, at the library or community centers. Remember to log out of everything, including your Facebook account. Thieves can gain valuable information through your social media accounts, even if your financial information is not directly on there.

Internet related crimes is one of the fastest growing issues facing the criminal justice system. Don't become the next victim!

85-Year-Old Super Hero!

In Burleson, Texas, an 85-year-old man, Lindell Marbut, saved two women from a burning vehicle. When his caretaker rushed to call 911, Lindell used his cane to pull the women from the car.



As the weather warms up, crime increases. Remember to always lock your doors, be aware of your surroundings and stay informed!

Free Self-Defense Class

A **free** Women's Self-Defense class sponsored by The Summit County Prosecutor's office and Certified Instructor Chad Cunningham is being offered. No registration required!

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Kenmore High School
2140 13th Street SW, Akron,
OH 44314



Learn simple techniques that could save your life!

- Verbal techniques
- Free yourself from a chokehold
- Learn the wrist breakaway
- Escape if pinned to the ground
- Practice kicks and slaps

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How to Report Abuse, Neglect and Fraud

Neglect & Abuse:

Call the Adult Protective Services (APS) free hotline at 1-855-OHIO-APS (855-644-6277)

Fraud:

Call Ohio Attorney General's Elder Justice Initiative at 1-800-282-0515 or the OhioHOPES Help-Line at 1-800-411-2267.