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THE SENIOR NEWS

Senior Safety Awareness Month



Why are we excited September is here? It is Senior Safety Awareness Month! While I speak to seniors all year long, I put a special emphasis on September to bring more awareness to the criminals who prey on the elderly. The 2019 Senior Safety Calendar will be here in time for September. I urge you to please pay close attention to these tips and read over them carefully. In this calendar are some of the more popular scams used by criminals. My hope is that you pay close attention to them so you do not become a victim.

BE AWARE OF YOUR SURROUNDINGS!

I cannot stress enough to be aware of your surroundings. Unfortunately, this means even when doing yard work at home. Recently in Akron, it was reported that a gunman pistol whipped a 60-year-old man who was mowing his yard. The defendant approached the man from behind, demanding money. The man then turned around to face the defendant and was struck several times in the head with the back of the gun. Nothing was stolen, but the man suffered minor injuries from the attack.

THE IRS SCAM IS STILL GOING ON!

The IRS scam has been going on for a very long time. The Twinsburg Police Department informed my office they are investigating a recent case where a 58-year-old Twinsburg woman lost \$17,000 to the IRS scam and was about to lose \$20,000 before her bank stepped in to stop it.

Look for us at these Upcoming Events!

August 28, 2018

6:30pm-7:30pm

Safety Speech at the Norton Library
3930 S. Cleveland-Massillon Rd.,
Norton 44203

August 30, 2018

10:00am-2:00pm

City of Green Senior Expo
Community Hall at Central Park
1795 Steese Road in Green

September 7, 2018

10:00am-2:00pm

Akron Zoo Senior Safari
Seniors (62+)

September 12, 2018

1:00pm

Safety Speech
Nordonia Hills AARP 4931
Senior Safety Speech
United Methodist Church
1280 E. Aurora Rd. in Macedonia

October 5, 2018

8:00am-2:00pm

10th Annual Summit Senior Expo
at Summit Mall

November 7, 2018

11:00am-12:00pm

Nordonia Hills Senior Center Safety Speech
Macedonia City Hall
9691 Valley View Road
Macedonia, OH 44056

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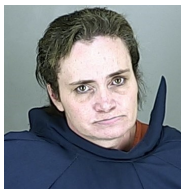
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Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh discussing safety tips to the Twinsburg Rotary Club.

Shame on You! Crimes Against Seniors



Kevin Story and his wife Crystal Hennacy were sent to prison for stealing \$600,000 from Kevin's elderly father. The 76-year-old victim was broke

when he passed away in a nursing home. Kevin was sentenced to four years in prison and Crystal received a nine year sentence. The couple were initially caretakers for the victim. Within eight months, they depleted his accounts to buy a house, several cars, a motorcycle, and a vacation. At sentencing, the Judge stated, "He died broken-hearted and miserable. He lived in a horrible situation."

Georgia Castile had a gambling problem. She used her role as power of attorney for her elderly father to support her addiction. She stole \$345,600 which she later lost gambling. The court ordered the daughter to pay restitution and be placed on house arrest with a suspended prison sentence so that her father can cover the cost of his nursing home in Arizona.

ALERT!

The *Akron Beacon Journal* recently released a story about scams. This article specifically focused on online scams being done through Little Tikes website. It is believed a hacker managed to mimic the website and make sales for inflatable toys that promised quick shipping, but never shipped. The Better Business Bureau is investigating the scam and believes that it traces back to China. One customer lost \$219 to this scam. Christy Paige of the Better Business Bureau suggests that you always check with the BBB to ensure a website is reliable before you make an online purchase.

What You Should Know About 2-1-1

2-1-1 Information and Referral, formerly known as Info Line was founded in 1975 in Akron, Ohio. The purpose of 2-1-1 is to provide assistance in finding service providers within the community. The program responds to 65,000 requests each year for assistance by Summit County residents.

In 1979, 2-1-1 started a lifeline program which responds to needs of low-income and elderly individuals who need help during medical and environmental emergencies. Later, it went further to create MedAssist to help low-income, uninsured individuals obtain free or low-cost prescription meds. Over 80% of families contact 2-1-1 Information and Referral to help with basic needs such as food, shelter, clothing, health care and utilities. Below is a list of topics under the Seniors category:

Elder Abuse

Senior Information/Case Management
Medicare/Social Security/Benefit Assistance
Food for Seniors
Senior Housing
In-Home Help/Housekeeping/Personal Care
Home Maintenance/Yard Work
Senior Transportation

Errand Running/Shopping Assistance
Medical Appointments Transportation
Senior Ride Programs

Prescriptions

Medical Equipment/Supplies
Senior Specific Health Care
Respite Care/Day Programs
Assisted Living/Nursing Facilities
Hospice Care
Elder Law/End of Life Planning
Money Management & Tax Help for Seniors
Senior Employment
Senior Specific Mental Health/Substance Abuse
Senior Centers & Activities