



FROM THE OFFICE OF  
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# THE SENIOR NEWS

## SEPTEMBER IS SENIOR SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH



In 2008, my office handled approximately 150 cases against individuals 60 years and older. The cases ranged from purse snatchings, theft from caretakers, theft from children to murder.

I have spoken to approximately 8,000 senior citizens since I took office in 2001. In addition to convicting criminals who prey on the elderly, it is my job to educate seniors about precautions they can take to stay safe.

In 2002, I declared September as Senior Safety Awareness Month. During September, my office sponsors self-defense classes, crime safety speeches and publishes a Senior Awareness Calendar featuring safety tips for each month.

If your group would like to hear my crime safety speech, contact Lisa Holdt at (330) 643-2796 or e-mail: [holdt@prosecutor.summitoh.net](mailto:holdt@prosecutor.summitoh.net).

### Please join us at the below events!

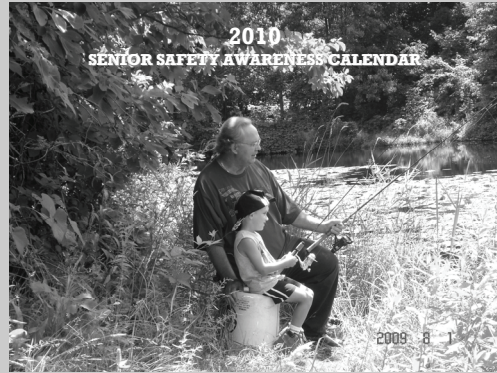
DATE	EVENT
Sept. 4, 2009 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Senior Safari at the Akron Zoo Health screenings, exhibits and demonstrations
Sept. 9, 2009 1:00 p.m.	Speech by Leslie Knoblauch to Kenmore Seniors on Take Me Home: Kenmore Community Center 880 Kenmore Blvd. Akron, Ohio 44314
Sept. 18, 2008 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Summit Senior Expo 2008 Summit Mall
Sept. 18, 2009 12:30 p.m.	Self-Defense Class presented by Prosecutor Sherrri Bevan Walsh & Akron University Police Dept.: B..F. Goodrich Retirees Tangier Restaurant
Sept. 24, 2009 7:45 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	Summit County Elder Abuse Prevention Coalition Seminar, Managing Challenging Change: Staying Resilient & Professional Summa Health System Professional Center South Auditorium 55 Arch St., Akron (330) 252-9261
Sept. 25, 2009 9:30 a.m.	Self-Defense Class presented by Prosecutor Sherrri Bevan Walsh & Akron University Police Dept.: Foster Grandparent Group First Congregational Church 292 E. Market St. Akron, Ohio

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[www.co.summit.oh.us/prosecutor/srcitsafe.htm](http://www.co.summit.oh.us/prosecutor/srcitsafe.htm)

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Look for our 2010 Senior Safety Awareness Calendars which will be out in September. If you would like a calendar, call my office at (330) 643-8674.

### STEPS TO TAKE IF YOU THINK SOMEONE IS STEALING MONEY FROM YOUR FAMILY MEMBER OR FRIEND

1. Screen the caretaker before you hire them. Use an agency that is bonded for hirees. This may cost more, but in the long run it will be cheaper.
2. Much like monitoring someone who cares for a baby, use a monitor, install a camera(s) in the home if you suspect any kind of physical abuse, restraint, or theft of property.
3. If money is the issue, then a different approach would be necessary. Look at all bank accounts or other financial records for unusual spending and document it. Go back several years and reconstruct the spending habits so you can show that "gifts" or money was not given as claimed by the person receiving the same. Do not let the person who you suspect, have a power of attorney prepared.
4. Do not let the person have access to any financial records or money. Have someone make a list of all monies coming in and the expenditures. More often than we would like to admit, the person usually taking money is a family member who feels they have a right to it, either because they are the only sibling taking care of the parent or the other children got more somewhere along the way, or just plain greed. These are more difficult cases especially if the parent is enabling the child, the child is unemployed, or still living at home, etc. The difficulty lies in the parent being unable or refusing to testify. Or like some domestic violence cases, the victim testifies on behalf of the defendant because they don't want the child to be punished.

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### OUTRAGEOUS CRIME!



On May 7, 2009, **LaCarlos Revier, 37, of Sagamore Hills, was sentenced to ten years in prison** for assaulting a 74-year-old woman.

As the victim was leaving a Marc's store in the middle of the day, Revier grabbed her purse. When she did not let go, he punched her in the face with a starter pistol, causing a split in her upper lip that required surgery.

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