

FRAUD ALERT!

From the Office of 17TH District Attorney Don Quick

Door-to-Door Con Artists Target Elderly

The young woman simply walked into 83-year-old Milton's home through his unlocked screen door. She said she was a neighbor who had locked herself out of her home and needed \$20 to hire a locksmith. Milton chatted with her and gave her \$20. Only much later did Milton realize she had stolen two checkbooks from his home.

Mary, also in her 80s, was putting in her yard when two men stopped to say they were there to fix her roof. After climbing onto her roof and spraying silver paint, they drove Mary to her bank where she withdrew \$2,800 for them.

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- ✓ Don't do business with door-to-door contractors.
- ✓ Keep all doors, including the garage door, closed and locked at all times, especially when you are outside working in the yard.
- ✓ Install security doors with metal grillwork and key locks instead of latched screen doors.
- ✓ Don't hide keys under the doormat or rocks.
- ✓ Secure sliding glass doors with anti-slide block or slide bolt.



**For more assistance call the
17TH DA's Fraud Line: 303-835-5633**

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