

Community Alert

Provided by: DeKalb County Police Department to Promote Crime Awareness

17 April 2009

Be Aware of Possible “Scammers”

Recently Officers encountered persons in communities and shopping centers soliciting funds for books/magazines. They inform that the money being raised will be forwarded to charities, which is not true. Books/magazines are never delivered and checks are cashed or could be used to commit Fraud.

Subjects are said to be representatives of “**Prestige Sales USA**,” out of Phoenix, Arizona. This is not just a local concern, but several cities nationwide have reported representatives of this company going door to door and in shopping centers. You may review posted statements on www.RipoffReport.com regarding this matter.



REMEMBER: Our elderly family members, neighbors and friends are perceived to be more likely victims to such scammers. So make sure you communicate with them regularly about these types of scams and offer to assist with these types of situations.

Those who have been victimized and have not reported the incidents, reports should be made as soon as possible.

Ways to possibly avoid becoming a victim:

- Avoid patronizing solicitors going door to door or in shopping centers without conformation of the company
- React to your “Red Flag,” call **911** for an Officer to check the person(s)
- Ask for ID and a County issued solicitor permit
- **NEVER** allow persons unknown to you into your home
- In shopping centers, inform security or management of the persons on the premises
- Continue to communicate through your Neighborhood Watch program to keep others alert to this type of activity

*** Remember if you don't inform the Police, the Police don't know what's happening in your neighborhood. ***



Center Precinct – Crime Awareness/Prevention
DeKalb County Police Department, 1960 W. Exchange Pl., Tucker, GA 30084

