

## How to Identify and Prevent Frauds Against Older People

*Seminar for law enforcement coming to Indianapolis, Indiana June 24-26*

RICHMOND, VA - June 12, 2003 - NW3C (National White Collar Crime Center), in partnership with the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA), will host two one and one-half day training sessions for law enforcement, adult protection personnel, and victim services advocates on "Identifying and Preventing Frauds Against Older People" on June 24-26 at the University of Indianapolis, Schwitzer Student Center.

The agenda includes discussions on the potential of fraud to destroy the independence and security of many older people, information to counter some of the prevailing stereotypes of aging, illustrative scenarios to explain effective ways to communicate with older people, needed do's and don'ts of establishing non-verbal communications techniques, and policing and prevention techniques for this type of growing crime.

Session one of the FREE seminar will be held June 24 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and June 25 from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Session two will be held June 25 from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. and June 26 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

John Bordenet, a retired Army Military Police officer, will present both sessions. Bordenet is a graduate of Seattle University with a degree in history and political science. While on active duty, he completed graduate school, earning a masters of arts degree in criminology and corrections. He retired as a Lieutenant Colonel in 1987 and worked for AARP until December 2001.

The protection of our elder population and their assets is an issue that grows in importance and magnitude directly in proportion to the aging of our society. "It is an issue deserving the attention, action, and commitment of all public and private entities," said Patrick Calkins, Program Coordinator, Bureau of Aging and In-Home Services, Division of Disability, Aging & Rehabilitative Services of the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration. "If this small beginning provides positive results, Indiana will acquire the cadre and ability to bring the expertise of numerous disciplines together to combat financial crimes against our elders."

As a key provider of training, NW3C has successfully worked to arm police investigative and support staffs with information that is vital in dealing with the threats posed by economic and cyber crime. Its support services also include investigative support, economic crime research, financial assistance for designated white collar crime cases, and fraud referral capabilities set up by NW3C's and the FBI's Internet Fraud Complaint Center.

Interested law enforcement, adult protection personnel, and victim services advocates can register for the event by remitting name, company, and contact

information to the NW3C Communications Section at 804-273-NW3C ext. 304. Seating is limited to 35 students per class. Advance reservations are required.

**About NW3C**

Funded by a grant from the U. S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance, NW3C is a non-profit organization that provides a national support network for enforcement agencies involved in the prevention, investigation, and prosecution of economic and cyber crime. More information on NW3C and its programs is available on-line at [www.nw3c.org](http://www.nw3c.org).