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CONSECUTIVE SENTENCING FOR FINANCIAL EXPLOITATION OF A VULNERABLE ADULT **SIGNED INTO LAW**

On May 21, 2013, **Public Act 34** was signed into Michigan law. This law helps protect vulnerable senior citizens by providing a judge with the discretion to determine the severity of sentencing depending on the callousness of the crime.

The law specifically states that if an individual receives “a felony conviction of financially exploiting a vulnerable adult,” the sentence can be “served consecutively to any other sentence imposed for a misdemeanor or felony violation of the same offense.”

For more information and resources on how to help prevent elder abuse, contact your local **Department of Human Services office**.

Additional information is also available by clicking [here](#).



Looking to get outside and play? Pure Michigan's [Campgrounds & RV Parks Finder](#) allows you to easily search for locations either by city or park title.

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Did you know that you can receive an email each time Governor Snyder orders U.S. flags to be lowered to half-staff in honor of fallen Michigan service members?

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Michigan Scams

The following list will help you be aware of scams brewing in your own backyard. The Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division has verified that the following scams are taking place in Michigan.



If you receive a call stating you're eligible for a free medical alert device, **BEWARE** - it could be a scam! The caller may indicate that he or she represents LifeStation or Life Alert, and as long as you provide a small amount of personal information, you'll receive your free medical device. **DO NOT** provide personal information to organizations over the phone, **especially** when you did not initiate the contact.



Due to the recent Midwest tornadoes, disaster scams are popping up all over. Scam organizations will play on your sympathies and tell you they are raising money for disaster victims on behalf of the Red Cross or Salvation Army. Before you donate, review the Charitable Trust's [Giving Wisely to Charity brochure](#).



If you are looking for employment, beware of possible employment scams. In this digital age, scammers can easily find your personal information online and use it to build credibility when contacting you for a "position." Remember, employment services **WILL NOT** ask for your bank account information over the phone, and they **WILL NOT** contact you after business hours.

WISH TO FILE A COMPLAINT?

Contact the Consumer Protection Division at **(877) 765-8388** or click [here](#) to file an online complaint.



JULY IS NATIONAL ICE CREAM MONTH!

Since 1984, July has been recognized as National Ice Cream Month. With summer in full swing, don't forget to enjoy a sample of Hudsonville's new Pure Michigan Double Berry Pie flavor!



State of Michigan Motto

"Si Quaeris Peninsulam Amoenam Circumspice"

"If you seek a pleasant peninsula, look about you."



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