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FRAUD ALERT!

EDUCATION IS IMPORTANT BUT ACTION IS CRUCIAL



Weld County District Attorney Ken Buck spoke to the Guaranty 50 Club monthly meeting in April at the Union Colony Civic Center in Greeley.

Since 2005, the Weld County District Attorney's Office has provided the community with not only information about scams but also with tips on how individuals can protect themselves, and their finances, from falling victim to fraud. Fraud Alerts, such as this one, are emailed monthly to more than 100 churches and senior centers throughout Weld County as well as the media, private companies and individual community members.

The Fraud Alerts are published in newspapers, posted on bulletin boards, included in church programs and passed to family, friends and neighbors. In addition, more than 4,000 Weld County residents have attended

the DA's Office's educational presentations on Senior Fraud and Identity Theft over the last six years.

There is no doubt that learning about scams and ways to protect yourself from fraud is important. Knowing how to handle a situation when you are confronted with it is a key component to not becoming a victim, but what you do after the situation has occurred is just as crucial when it comes to protecting yourself and your community.

Please report crime and suspicious activity. Your call to law enforcement alerting them to potential criminal activity is never a bother, it is never a nuisance, and it is never unimportant. If law enforcement isn't made aware of suspicious phone calls asking for personal information, strange visits to your home by people claiming to be from a business or agency or unusual activity in your neighborhood, they can't offer assistance.

The information you provide to law enforcement may help them alert the community to a larger issue, it may be a piece of key information in an investigation, and it may help prevent others from falling victim to crime. Your information, your report, is an important component in our crime-prevention partnership.