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FRAUD ALERT: “Traveler” Scam Artists have been spotted in Colorado Springs

The 4th Judicial District Attorney’s Office has received information that “Travelers” are working the Colorado Springs and El Paso County area. The Travelers are called this because they are a group of scam artists who go from town to town across the nation offering cheap home repairs each spring. Typically they knock on doors and approach people in their yards. They may claim to have extra materials left over from a job up the street. One thing is for sure, the work will be poor quality work if the work is done at all. They generally offer to repairs roofs, cracks in sidewalks or driveways.

Travelers seem to prey upon the elderly, who may be more apt to be home during the day when they are looking for their next victim or who may be more easily intimidated.

Travelers ask for the money up front and often use high pressure tactics. They may look like they are working and may even get up on the roof with a hammer and make banging noises to convince the victim they are working. In years past we have even seen Travelers “treat” wood shingles with flammable chemicals, claiming to be treating the roof with a fire retardant.

These scam artists are very convincing and it is easy to become a victim. Be on the look out for these door to door con artists. They drive new trucks with out of state plates or temporary tags.

Click here for the audio clip http://www.4thjudicialda.com/audio_clips/Travelers20090515.wav