### York County Elder Abuse Task Force

# Fraud Alert Bulletin

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This is a Fraud Alert issued by the York County Elder Abuse Task Force.

Periodically, members of the Task Force, along with the York County District Attornev's office who prosecute these devastating financial crimes will offer warnings about the latest financial targeting scams seniors here in York County.

Educating seniors about financial fraud is a top priority of the York County Elder Abuse Task Force. With that in mind, we want every senior in York County to remember the **3 Rs**:

Recognize a potential scam; Refuse to make any hasty decisions; and

**R**eport suspicious activity to police.

Stay safe and feel free to contact Area Agency on Again at 717 771 9610 or the District Attorney Dave Sunday at the District Attorney's Office (717-771-9600) with any questions.

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## FRAUD ALERT - "Can you hear me?"

A recent trend in phone scams is the "Can you hear me now?" call. You will receive a telephone call, likely from either a blocked number or a number you are unfamiliar with, and upon answering will immediately hear, "Can you hear me now?" Sometimes there will be additional statements made before the "Can you hear me now?" question; usually the additional statements include complaints about a malfunctioning headset. Although the person on the other end may sound real, automated calls are developing a more natural, conversational style to trick you. These calls are typically robocalls and are pre-recorded. The caller is looking for you to respond with "yes" so they can record it and use the recording later for fraudulent purchases.

# What should you do if you get one of these calls?

- **DO NOT ANSWER THE QUESTION** and hang up.
- Contact your telephone or cell phone provider. There may be services available to block unwanted calls.
- Add your number to the Do Not Call registry.
- File a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission.