

Chapter 11 Easy Pickings

Elder Homicides - Rape, Robbery and Murder - Elder Homicides (556)

"He probably went in there looking for cash. The opportunity presented itself for the sexual assault."
Lt. Charles Hunt, Toledo Police Department, 1999

"Few of these people (who commit home invasion crimes) are professional criminals. Most are opportunists. What I tell people is just try to take care of yourself and your property. Lock your doors. Even if you're just running out back to the garden to pick a couple tomatoes. Lock that door. If you recognize an intruder in your home, they might try faking senility, such as addressing the intruder by a name at random."

Mitch Carroll, Anderson Indiana Police spokesman

The greatest insult to a nation is the maltreatment of the young, the old, and the infirm, and America has quite a record even with all of its generosity abroad and non profit organizations. The desperate acts against these populations are shameful and wasteful. We must stop certain members of our communities from killing off our past and future. America must establish a moreway, an inviolable cultural standard for generations to come, ardent in its execution that the elderly and young shall not be molested. We must reaffirm that the elderly are our national treasure, not to be treated as waste.

The elderly, both male and female, are the most preyed upon persons in our society, second are children third are women. With the proliferation of drug use the number of elderly victims has grown. Drug addicts look to the elderly as a source of money to support their habit and juveniles look to the elderly as easy prey. It is as if some of the youth in this country has found an unending supply of fun money. Juveniles look at the elderly as easy marks for intimidation. Many of these juvenile intimidators have no problems murdering their victims. The advent of juveniles into the criminal arena has cause thousands of legal battles to be fought as to their ability to reason and make competent decisions. The age 18 has become the standard when a juvenile can be subject to the death penalty for the conviction of a capital offense.

The following is a statement made by the United States Supreme Court regarding juveniles who commit heinous crimes. "Eighteen is the dividing line that society has generally drawn, the point at which it is thought reasonable to assume that persons have an ability to make, and a duty to bear responsibility for their judgments. Insofar as age 18 is a necessarily arbitrary social choice as a point at which to acknowledge a person's maturity and responsibility, given the different developmental rates of individuals, it is in fact a conservative estimate of the dividing line between adolescence and adulthood."

In re Stanford, 537 U.S. 968, 970-71 (2002) (Justices Stevens, Souter, Ginsberg, and Breyer, dissenting) (quoting Stanford v. Kentucky, 492 U.S. 361, 394-96 (1989) (Brennan, J., dissenting) Please make certain that you read the PDF file, Foster Trust Privacy, by Frances H. Foster, <http://www.lawschool.cornell.edu/research/cornell-law-review>

This is an extremely important article. It will broaden your understanding of the abuse suffered by the elderly in this country. If you have plans on getting older, you should read this article. The article will give you some idea on how to protect yourself. Imagine a man stole \$675,000 from his mother, over a period of years after locking her in her home until she died. Another article I want you to read is Post-Standard, The (Syracuse, NY) - January 17, 2001

EXTORTION PLOT TARGETS MAN, 85, POLICE SAY THEY SAY FOUR PEOPLE TRIED TO FORCE VICTIM TO TURN OVER \$4,000. THREE WERE ARRESTED.

Several people learned that an 85 year old man had thousands of dollars in his savings account and they decided they wanted the money. So these people went about plotting an idea that would force the 85 year old man to give them his money. The extortionists were three 19 year olds. Apparently the 19 year olds believed it was easier to frighten an elderly man out of his money rather than work at McDonald's. Let us hope the court had something to say about their conduct. We need legislation all over this country to fill in the cracks in our laws to prevent elder abuse and elder murders. When Congress and state governments began to encourage the elderly to direct deposit their social security check and income tax checks, our friendly neighborhood criminals were forced to increase the number of attacks against the elderly in their homes. Here is the key to some home invasions.

If you have a friend using drugs or relative using drugs make certain they do not know where your elderly relative lives. There is not such thing as a drug addict not harming a relative or a friend if they need money to purchase drugs. Husbands have killed wives for money to buy drugs. Sons have murdered their mothers and fathers for money to purchase drugs. Grandchildren have murdered grandparents for money to purchase drugs. A drug addict and an elderly person is a volatile combination.

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