



Thomas A. Thompson, Prosecuting Attorney, Williams Co., Ohio

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### **September 26, 2007 NEWS RELEASE**

#### OCTOBER DESIGNATED AS SENIOR CITIZENS SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH IN WILLIAMS COUNTY

Honest, Trusting, Compassionate, Helpful. These are just a few of the positive traits shared by many senior citizens throughout Williams County. Unfortunately, these are also traits that make seniors particularly susceptible to fraud, identity theft and other financial scams. Williams County Prosecutor, Thomas A. Thompson has declared October "Senior Citizens Safety Awareness Month." Mr. Thompson will be speaking at local seniors centers throughout the county during the month of October. These presentations will focus on reducing the chances of seniors becoming victims of crime through education.

Mr. Thompson believes that crime prevention is just as important to the community as offender prosecution. "The best way to deal with crime in Williams County is to simply prevent it from happening in the first place," Thompson said. "Prevention starts with heightened awareness of the types of criminal activities that are currently causing problems in the local community and around the nation."

The presentations will take place as follows:

- Pioneer Senior Center on October 4, 2007 at 10:30 a.m.
- Stryker Senior Center on October 5, 2007 at 12:30 p.m.
- Edgerton Senior Center on October 10, 2007 at 12:30 p.m.
- Edon Senior Center on October 12, 2007 at 10:30 a.m.
- West Unity Senior Center on October 19, 2007 at 11:00 a.m.
- Montpelier Senior Center on October 29, 2007 at 11:00 a.m.
- Bryan Senior Center on October 30, 2007 at 11:15 a.m.

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