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Office of the Sheriff

August 21, 2009

Rick Fernstrom  
LWIA VP Board Member  
69073 233rd Street  
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Dear Rick,

I want to thank you for allowing me to visit with your association board. Per your request I have outlined the intent and purpose of our public crime alert; and I have enclosed an example of the Crime Alert Form that we would like to send to your lake association members through your e-mail list. We would segregate the list by location so we can send alerts to specific regions or by the entirety depending on the incident. It would include information to all residents in the affected area and explain the specific crime or request for information. We would use it to assist in our investigations and would include phone numbers and e-mail contacts for residents to relay tips and information. Those wishing to remain anonymous may do so. Our Information Technology Department would be the only people that would access the e-mail list for add/delete purposes. The alerts will not contain victim's names or addresses. This information will be general. Keep in mind that the media has access to certain crime and reporting information by law.

The information on the form is fictitious for example purposes. Some issued crime alerts may include photos of vehicles, persons or property depending on the circumstances. The public may read or hear about an incident in which no crime alert was issued from my office. We may, depending on the investigation, decide not to issue an alert in order to preserve the integrity of an investigation. My staff will evaluate each incident and the decision to issue a crime alert will be on a case-by-case basis.

As I explained, we would only issue an alert to those we feel may be affected or if we decide that we need to elicit help from the public in certain areas. Our intent would be to issue the crime alert as soon possible, but practical.

You may pass this letter on to others if you would find it useful. We believe this would be of great service to the public and of great value to our office. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Norlin".

Jeff Norlin  
Meeker County Sheriff



# Meeker County Crime Alert

Office of Sheriff Jeff Norlin

This Crime Alert is intended to advise you of criminal activity that may affect you or your business. If you have questions or suspect information, call the issuing officer shown below. Your identity can remain confidential.

<b>This Alert:</b> Lake Washington		Alert #:
Type of Incident: Theft/Fraud	Date / Time Occurred: 08-20-09 / 2300	
Incident Location: 233 <sup>rd</sup> Street / Section 25 Dassel Township		

Details of Incident:

This guy pictured below and a small crew working with him scammed over \$14,000 from an elderly male in the Lake Washington area for tree trimming, roofing and venting repairs. They did little of the work promised. They are driving an unknown make model boom truck that may not have any company markings on it. The suspect has an extensive criminal history for theft by deception and abuse of vulnerable adults. His Accruing and crime history records show he spends time in Nebraska, Iowa & Minn. May be staying in the Meeker County area. If contacted or if you have any information, same or similar contact the below officer with the Meeker County Sheriff's Office.

(Insert Picture 1 here)  Insert photos if part of report	(Insert Picture 2 here)	(Insert Picture 3 here)
<b>Issued By:</b>	<b>Phone: 320-693-5400</b>	<b>Fax: 320-693-4664</b>
E-mail:	For crime prevention information go to the Meeker County Sheriff's Office Web Site: <b>www.co.meeker.mn.us</b>	

This e-mail was automatically generated. Any reply to this e-mail will not be received by Meeker County Sheriff's Office. Please contact the Meeker County Sheriff's Office directly at 320-693-5400 and ask for the issuer of this crime alert if you have questions or information regarding the referenced material or you may call the Meeker County Sheriff's Office Confidential Tip Line or Crime Stoppers Of Minnesota below.

**Meeker County Sheriff Confidential Tip Line: 320-693-5411 / Crime Stoppers of Minnesota 1-800-222-TIPS (8744) or via cell phones using SMS text messaging technology: Text "TIP674 plus your message" to CRIMES (274637)**

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