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U.S. Attorney's Office Recognizes the 20th Annual World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

PORTLAND, Ore.— Today, U.S. Attorney Scott E. Bradford recognizes the 20th Annual World Elder Abuse Awareness Day dedicated to raising awareness of abuse, neglect, and exploitation of the elderly.

“As we recognize World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, we reaffirm our commitment to protecting seniors from abuse, neglect, and financial exploitation,” said U.S. Attorney Bradford. “Elder abuse cases strike at some of the most vulnerable members of our community, often causing devastating harm. Prosecuting these crimes sends a clear message that exploitation of our seniors will not be tolerated.”

The Department of Justice is committed, through its department-wide Elder Justice Initiative, to preventing and prosecuting fraud on America's seniors.

Recent District of Oregon elder fraud cases include:

U.S. v. Rexona Caldararu: In May 2026, a Romanian national unlawfully residing in the United States was sentenced to 36 months in federal prison and five years of supervised release for defrauding elderly victims by stealing their bank cards and taking money from their bank accounts. [Read more.](#)

U.S. v. Jeffrey Thomas Higgins: In June 2026, Jeffrey Thomas Higgins pleaded guilty after stealing his clients' shares of stocks, selling them, and transferring the proceeds into his personal bank account for almost 17 years. [Read more.](#)

U.S. v. Jonathan Anthony Kinsella: In February 2026, Jonathan Anthony Kinsella was sentenced to 10 years in federal prison after he and his co-defendants targeted an elderly victim and stole over \$250,000 worth of gold, cash, and firearms. [Read more.](#)

The Justice Department relies on the public's assistance in remaining vigilant and reporting suspected fraud and abuse. Anyone with concerns about potential abuse, neglect, or fraud should contact local law enforcement or the National Elder Fraud Hotline at 1-833-FRAUD-11 (1-833-372-8311).

For more information on enforcement actions, training and resources, research, and victim services, please visit www.justice.gov/elderjustice.

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