



Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Office Media Release

1500 Lamont Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI 49048

Date:	Tuesday, August 01, 2017	Nature:	Solicitor Scams
Time:	3:15pm	Fire Dept:	Click here to enter text.
Location:	Click here to enter text.	Ambulance:	Click here to enter text.
Township:	Comstock Township	Authority of:	Lt Jeff Baker
Incident #:	Click here to enter text.		

Information: On August 1, 2017, the Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Office has received multiple reports of solicitors making unwanted contacts with citizens in the Comstock Township area for asphalt driveway repairs. The Sheriff's Office wishes to warn residents to use caution when dealing with solicitors especially if the solicitor is the one making initial contact.

Cases similar to this in the past have been found where the solicitors use improper materials, charge substantially inflated prices and are not available for repairs once the work is completed. They are not licensed and the work they try to pass off as complete is in fact criminal in nature. Past cases have resulted in losses of more than \$10,000 per victim.

Ways to protect yourself are to:

- 1) Go to http://www.kalcounty.com/sheriff/Home_Improv_Fraud.php
This is a link on the Kalamazoo County Sheriff Website that allows homeowners to download a form and submit it to the Sheriff's Office to verify a business is legitimate.
- 2) Research the Better Business Bureau website for information about the business
- 3) Obtain a written estimate that details the work to be performed
- 4) Do not pay money down to the solicitor before work is completed
- 5) Talk with family and friends if you are unsure

You may always contact the Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Office at 269-383-8821 to report suspicious activity.

Involved Parties

Anyone who may have further information is asked to contact the **Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Office at 269-383-8748** or **Silent Observer at 269-343-2100**. Information can also be reported online at www.kalamazoosilentobserver.com.



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