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FRAUD ALERT!

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'SUMMER' RELIABLE AND HONEST AND 'SUMMER' NOT!

As we celebrate the arrival of summer, it is once again time to remind ourselves and our neighbors about seasonal scams that can leave you hot under the collar. These scams typically include door-to-door roofing, paving and other home repair scams. The scam artists use charisma then intimidation to scam consumers into paying thousands of dollars for poor quality work.

To Protect Yourself from Door-to-Door Contractor Fraud:

- ✓ Don't ever do business with anyone soliciting business door-to-door.
- ✓ Get at least three bids on work, and don't always choose the lowest bid.
- ✓ Check out contractors with the Better Business Bureau – 303-758-2100.
- ✓ Insist on a written contract and don't be pressured into paying more or for unauthorized work.

A general safety note: When working in your yard or enjoying a nice dinner on the patio – lock all doors that are not within your line of sight. Distraction and opportunity are two of the favorite strategies employed by “smash and grab” criminals as well as those looking to steal your identity.



**Need help or have a question?
Call the Denver District Attorney's Fraud Line:
720-913-9196**

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