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**PUBLIC AWARENESS INFORMATION**

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Criminals know when government checks arrive, and may pick that day to attack. Avoid this by using Direct Deposit. When someone approaches you with a get-rich-quick-scheme involving your savings, it is usually a get-rich-quick-scheme. As with so many other things in life, a good rule of thumb is that if something sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

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**The Sioux County Sheriff's Office would like to warn citizens, especially the elderly, of a possible scam.**

The sheriff's office has received numerous calls from elderly people reporting that a male individual is going door to door selling Direct TV. The complainant's all seem to be elderly people; the sales person is said to be selling his product in a very "high-pressured" manner. In one instance one of the complainants has reported that the sales person may have called his bank impersonating his grandson.

The sheriff's office advises citizens to be aware of this possible scam. If approached by this person(s) tell them you want to contact a family member or your present TV service provider before making a decision.

Citizens should also call law enforcement authorities if they are being pressured and don't know what to do.