

You can report White Collar crimes (Fraud and Elderly) to the following contacts:

Manatee County Sheriff's Office
(941) 747-3011

Bradenton Police Department
(941) 932-9300

Holmes Beach Police Department
(941) 708-5804

Palmetto Police Department
(941) 723-4587

Longboat Key Police Department
(941) 316-1977

Department of Children and Families
(800) 962-2873

Lutheran Services of Florida
(941) 746-3611

To anonymously report elder abuse or exploitation

1-800-96ABUSE
OR
Crime Stoppers
(866) 634-8477

State Attorney's Office Locations



Sarasota County
2071 Ringling Blvd.
Sarasota, FL
34237-7000
(941) 861-4400

South Sarasota County
4000 South Tamiami Trail
Venice, FL
34293-5075
(941) 861-3200

Manatee County
1112 Manatee Avenue West
Bradenton, FL
34205-7804
(941) 747-3077

DeSoto County
115 East Oak Street, 3rd Floor
Arcadia, FL
34266-4881
(863) 993-4881

State Attorney
Ed Brodsky

Twelfth Judicial Circuit



White Collar Division
(Fraud and Elderly)

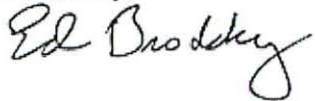
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Bradenton, FL 34205
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Message from Ed Brodsky:

As your State Attorney, I am dedicated and committed to protecting and vigorously prosecuting those that target and prey on the most vulnerable members of our community, such as elderly, children, and animals.

Throughout my career and as your State Attorney, it is important that my administration provide a voice to the voiceless that have been harmed by criminal acts. Upon taking office, as your State Attorney I implemented the White Collar/Animal Abuse Division that specializes in prosecuting those that victimize the vulnerable members of society. Since establishing the specialized White Collar/Animal Abuse Division our office has had tremendous success in prosecuting these crimes. Prosecutors in the White Collar/Animal Abuse Division provide community outreach to raise awareness in the community in an effort to prevent these crimes from occurring. Prosecutors actively support Law Enforcement during the investigation and aggressively prosecute offenders that have been charged with these crimes.

Sincerely,



Ed Brodsky
State Attorney, 12th Judicial Circuit

Ways to protect yourself from being a victim of fraud

- Keep your PIN numbers separate and secure
- Change passwords frequently
- Check financial records regularly
- Monitor your credit report
- Don't respond to unsolicited emails, especially if they are requesting money and/or personal information
- Don't use cash for products and services without verifying the validity of the company and getting a proper receipt
- Don't send money by wire transfer to anyone you do not know
- Destroy mail that contains personal information
- Use caution when giving money or personal information to a person in a position of trust
- Check on elderly people that live alone
- A Fraudster will gain their victim's trust and isolate them from other people
- A Fraudster is intelligent, patient and charismatic

White Collar Coalition (Fraud and Elderly)

The State Attorney's Office has established a community based group that meets regularly to discuss and combine efforts to achieve our objectives in these area of White Collar (Fraud and Elderly) crimes. Collaborating with our partners maximizes resources and streamlines investigations while avoiding delay and duplicity.

Some of our Community Partners are:

- Manatee County Sheriff's Office
- Bradenton Police Department
- Palmetto Police Department
- Holmes Beach Police Department
- Longboat Key Police
- Sarasota County Sheriff's Office
- Sarasota Police Department
- First in Care, Home Health Care
- Department of Children and Families
- Lutheran Services Florida
- Jean Peelen, Holmes Beach Commissioner
- Carol Whitmore, Manatee County Commissioner

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Longboat Key Police Department
(941) 316-1977

Animal Services
(941) 742-5933

Animal Network
(941) 746-3611

Fish & Wildlife Reward
(888)-404-3922

Report Dog Fighting
(877) 847-4787

Crime Stoppers
(866) 634-8477

Bishop Animal Shelter
(941) 792-2863

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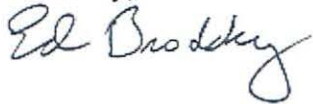
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Signs of Abuse or Neglect

- Unattended animal that is chained/tethered
- Limping wounded animal
- Animal with scars
- Numerous animals at one location
- Excessive dog barking
- Poor body condition
- Lack of sanitation
- Lack of food or water
- Abandoned animal
- Different animals arriving and leaving location
- Dog chained/tethered with heavy chains
- Lack of Shelter
- Animal is visibly confused or appears extremely drowsy
- Signs of Dog Fighting - Dogs dragging weights or tires (to builds the neck and shoulder muscle)
- Signs of Dog Fighting – Using a rope, rag, or toy suspended from tree or pole to entice dogs to jump and bite

Animal Abuse Coalition

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- Bradenton Police Department
- Palmetto Police Department
- Holmes Beach Police Department
- Dr. Luke Berglund, DMV
- Dr. Pam Wright, DMV
- Animal Network
- Manatee Animal Services
- Bishop Animal Shelter
- Canine Castaways
- Jean Peelan, Holmes Beach Commissioner
- Carol Whitmore, Manatee County Commissioner