TNEJC WEEKLY UPDATE

National elder-justice developments. Tennessee-ready prevention and response.

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THIS WEEK'S ACTION **If you see unmet basic needs, severe neglect or someone controlling a vulnerable adult, report it.**

ABUSE AND NEGLECT ARE ELDER-JUSTICE ISSUES, TOO

Thanksgiving Week: gratitude, connection and a reason to check on someone who may need help.

TENNESSEE | FENTRESS COUNTY | PENDING CHARGES

TBI says two caregivers were indicted after an investigation into the 2024 death of Andrew Willis, an adult with developmental disabilities. Investigators allege he was not properly fed or cared for; one caregiver is also accused of billing TennCare for services not provided. These are allegations, and the defendants are presumed innocent unless proven guilty.

Worried about abuse or neglect? TN APS: 1-888-277-8366. Immediate danger: 911.

CASH OR GOLD PICKUP? STOP.

A fresh federal case involved an international network that stole about $147 million from older adults, including victims in Tennessee. Criminals used fake bank/government stories and sent couriers for cash or gold. Government agencies do not send couriers to protect your money.

MEDICARE OPEN ENROLLMENT ENDS DECEMBER 7

Compare doctors, medicines, networks and total costs - not just extra benefits. Free, unbiased TN SHIP help: 1-877-801-0044.

SUPPORT THE TNEJC ELDER JUSTICE LICENSE PLATE PROJECT



A share of fees could support prevention, victim guidance and training. Final design and use of proceeds remain subject to state approval and legislative authorization.

Email your interest

TNElderJusticeCoalition.org/license-plate

STOP. VERIFY. REPORT.

Money sent? Call the financial company now. Online crime: IC3.gov. Tell one trusted person today.