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Handyman Scam Suspect

Up to a \$1,000 Reward Offered

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San Diego County Crime Stoppers and investigators from the San Diego Police Department's Elder Abuse Unit are asking for assistance from the public to help locate John Ted Barney, who is responsible for scamming an elderly female for home repairs.

In September of 2018, John Barney showed up at the home of a 94-year-old female in the Morena neighborhood of San Diego. Barney told the victim he noticed cracks in her driveway that needed repair and gave the victim a flyer advertising his services. Barney convinced the victim that more repairs were needed around her home and wanted payment up front for the repair costs. Barney did not complete the work and charged the victim a substantial amount of money.

Barney is wanted for grand theft of an elderly person and residential burglary. Barney also has a felony warrant out of Washington State for theft.

Investigators believe Barney has scammed other victims throughout the San Diego area for home repairs and are asking them to contact the Elder Abuse Unit at (619) 446-1070 to report their incident.

Suspect's Description:

John Barney is described as a White male, 50-years-old, 5'5" tall, 160 lbs., medium build, brown hair and brown eyes. Barney may be driving a newer model white Dodge Ram truck. Barney is known to use various aliases including "Ted John, Mike Thomas, and Ted Wanko."

*****Photos of Barney, his flyer, and a vehicle he may be driving can be found on pages 2 and 3 of this release.*****

Anyone with information on Barney should call San Diego Police Department's Elder Abuse Unit at (619) 446-1070 or the **Crime Stoppers anonymous tip line at (888) 580-8477**. Crime Stoppers is offering up to a \$1,000 reward to anyone with information that leads to an arrest in this case. Visit the Crime Stoppers website at www.sdcrimestoppers.org for more information on how to send anonymous web and mobile app tips.

- **Media inquiries about this case or Crime Stoppers can be directed to Officer Mark Herring at (619) 531-1500 or email at msherring@pd.sandiego.gov.**

John Ted Barney



Flyer Given to Victim



Suspect's Vehicle



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