

Auditor Kovack Warns of Dangerous Scam in Medina County

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Auditor Michael E. Kovack, Medina County Auditor, just received information from a resident of the County who was called by someone pretending to be with the Auditor's Office. The person indicated that he was in the area doing property reappraisals and needed to view the inside of their home. The scammer suggested that they didn't have to be home, "Just leave the door unlocked and we will check the house for you."

In almost all instances, the Auditor's reappraisal staff only views structures from the outside of the building. In any situation where the staff would enter a home, it is usually at the homeowner's request and by appointment with the owner required to be present.

Auditor Kovack stated, "This incident happened in the Wadsworth area, but may be occurring in other areas of the county. I urge you to call your local police if you receive a phone call or a visit from individuals purporting to be from my office and requesting access to your home. Please call my office if you have any questions or information leading to the arrest of these individuals. Our phone numbers are: Medina, 330.725.9756, Brunswick, 330.225.7100, ext. 9756 or Wadsworth, 330.336.6657, ext. 9756."