 Police, seniors team up to protect
elderly consumers from con artists


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- One elderly Raleigh man lost $\$ 200,000$ as the victim of a local scam artist.

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Senior citizens and police officers
have joined hands
have joined hands in an effort to put an
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chairman of SALT. chairman of SALT.
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while SALT members will distribute the
releases to senior centers releases to senior centers.
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crime "It's a project that we support," said
crime prevention officer Jeff Clark. "But
raud for many reasons, Englebardt said;
including loneliness. including loneliness.
"First of all (senior citizens) are lonely", he said. "They have time to talk on
be phone, and they have time to read he phone, and they have time to read the mail." Joseph Bowling, president of the Joseph Bowling, president of the
Better Business Bureau of Chapel Hill, Better Business Bureau of Chapel Hill,
said elderly consumers are particularly said elderly consumers are particularly
at risk because they are seen as having money, being at home often and might have difficulty saying no to persistent "Elderly cos "Elderly consumers are particularly vulnerable and gullible for those who
are doing business by phone," he said. Bowling said, though, that elderly people were not the only possible vic:-
tims of scams. Young people are also: tims of scams. Young peopie are also
vulnerable to scams, he said, especially. travel scams, work-at-home scams and mail-order scams. But every instance of fraud affects
consumers' trust in local merchants consumers' trust in local merchants
Bowling said. "Every time there's a victim among
the consumers, the business person in the consumers, the business person in
Chapel Hill suffers."
Council to discuss funding for public housing
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process occurred. "rocthere will be a lot of transition the next few weecs," she said The committec consisted of 11 memwere city ditior Rob Nelson, assistant
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hey're going to be doing a lot of the legout." Senior citizens need to be educated about fraud because many don't consid"The biggest crime agait said.
" y is fraud, butt "hey don't worry about is getting mugged, but they don't walk whn Rosemary and Graham (streets) Englebardt said senior citizens wer specifically targeted by con artists in Criminals often knock on senior citihouses at an attractive price, he said The repairs are usually cosmetic and the lem artists will claim to find other prob"There's a hit for $\$ 200,000$ on his house Englebardt said. '
Other common scams against senio aes and mail-order products, he said.
Senior citizens are susceptible to 4

