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TO: ALL SENIOR CITIZEN GROUPS
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Please let the senior citizens in your group know about this con artist scam at your next meeting.

CON ARTIST ALERT TO ALL SENIOR GROUPS

Work-at-Home Scams Leave Thousands of People with a Collapsed Dream

The idea of being your own boss and making great money while never leaving the comfort of your own home can capture the imagination of a lot of people. In fact, an enveloping-stuffing scheme did just that. Twenty thousand or so people received fliers in the mail stating that a company called Monitor Publishing would pay \$10 for every envelope stuffed and returned if they paid the company anywhere between \$79 and \$169. This company claimed that a person could earn \$2,000 to \$5,000 and claimed they would send a check within 10 days.

Unfortunately the 20,000 who fell victim to this scam never received a check in the mail. In most cases, the envelopes these people stuffed came back to them undeliverable. The money was never returned to the ones who fell for the scam and phone calls to Monitor Publishing were never returned.

These work-at-home scams succeed because they harness people's vision of America-the land of opportunity. They work because people find a flier in their mailbox at the same time they have been laid-off from their job or when bills start to pile up. Think twice when receiving a letter in the mail that claims you can be your own boss and make thousands of dollars a month without leaving your kitchen table. Research the so-called companies before sending them money, and ask yourself if the promises made seem too good to be true.

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