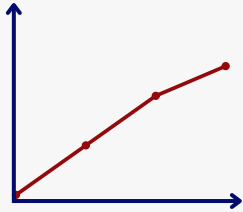


ELDER FINANCIAL ABUSE

"WE NEED TO INCREASE THE PUBLIC'S AWARENESS ON THE EASE OF REPORTING THIS ISSUE AND THE REQUIREMENT TO REPORT THIS ISSUE."

DAVE CLARK, TN 7TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT ATTORNEY GENERAL

A GROWING ISSUE



Reports of elder abuse in TN rose by **52%** from 2015 to 2019



SENIORS WILL MAKE UP 22% OF TN POPULATION BY 2030



TN SENIORS LOST OVER \$32.5 MILLION IN SCAMS IN 2021

THE DISTRICT ATTORNEYS' RESPONSE

► The Safe Seniors Act (2021)

The final installment of TNDAGC's multi-year effort to expand prosecutors' ability to fight elder abuse. The primary focus of this legislation was to clarify key issues surrounding the prosecution of abuse and to expand the definition of abuse.

► Vulnerable Adult Protective Investigation Teams (VAPIT)

DA-appointed teams tasked with coordinating investigations of suspected instances of abuse, neglect, or exploitation of elderly and vulnerable adults.

2021 Snapshot: 9,850 referrals reviewed | 276 meetings held

► ScamStop

We want all Tennessee seniors, vulnerable adults and their families to know and recognize the warning signs and red flags of financial scams. That's why we've taken our latest public education program - ScamStop - statewide. To see how you can help spread the word about this growing issue, visit:

www.tndagc.org/programs/elder-abuse/

Tennessee state law requires reporting of suspected abuse of a vulnerable or elderly adult. Call 1-888-APS-TENN (277-8366) to make an anonymous report or visit the Tennessee Adult Protective Services page at the TN Dept. of Human Services website.

