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FIGHTING FRAUD



KNOWING THE FACTS MAY HELP PROTECT YOU FROM CROSS-BORDER FRAUDSTERS. THESE CROOKS VICTIMIZE MOSTLY OLDER PEOPLE WITH FALSE SWEEPSTAKES AND SIMILAR SCAMS. FORTUNATELY, THE U-S POSTAL INSPECTION SERVICE AND CANADIAN LAW ENFORCEMENT ARE CURTAILING THESE CRIMES.

ONE RECENT VICTIM IS STEVEN KARINCH (KAA-RINCH), AN EIGHTY-SIX-YEAR-OLD WIDOWER. THOUGH A COLLEGE GRADUATE, A VETERAN AND A SUCCESSFUL BUSINESSMAN, HE LOST OVER FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS TO A SCAM. HE WAS TOLD HE'D WON PRIZES IN CANADA, BUT HAD TO PAY AN UP-FRONT CUSTOMS FEE, TAX, LEGAL FEE AND PROCESSING COST BEFORE GETTING PAID.

SAYS KARINCH, (BEGIN *SOUND BITE*) **"I NEVER GOT ANY MONEY."** **"HE WAS SUPPOSED TO BRING ME A QUARTER OF A MILLION. BUT HE DIDN'T SHOW UP WITH A QUARTER, EVEN."** **"YOU GOTTA WATCH WHEN SOMEBODY OFFERS YOU SOMETHING FOR PRACTICALLY NOTHING."** (END *SOUND BITE*)

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