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Press Release

DA Morrissey sponsors document shredding opportunities to prevent financial exploitation

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Some financial statements and private papers hold all of the information a knowledgeable thief needs to assume your identity and begin stealing your money. Financial institutions and consumer watchdog agencies urge citizens to destroy those documents rather than put them in their recycling or trash bin.

Because not everyone has a shredder at home, Norfolk District Attorney Michael W. sponsored secure document shredding events at eight Senior Centers across Norfolk County this fall to help dispose of those piles quickly, safely and for free.

"We want people who have these kinds of documents collecting on their counter or cluttering things up to come down to the senior and we will make sure they are securely destroyed," District Attorney Morrissey said. "Identity theft can be among the more challenging cases to investigate and prosecute, as information thieves can sell or pass data to actors in other states or other continents who then begin buying things with your money or your credit."

The shredding events were preceded by brief financial safety seminars, Morrissey said.

Morrissey sponsored events at these locations and dates:

- September 13th from 10am-1pm Wrentham COA
- September 21st from 10am-1pm Quincy COA (Kennedy Center)
- September 26th from 11am-2pm Weymouth COA (Whipple Center)
- October 6th from 9am-12pm Bellingham COA
- October 24th from 10:30-12:30pm Wellesley COA
- October 28th from 9am-12pm Milton COA
- November 3rd from 9am-12pm Norwood COA

"We know that seniors who did not come up in the age of computers can be specifically targeted. This is a simple step to help citizens prevent crimes before they happen," District Attorney Morrissey said. "Shredding is the twenty-first century equivalent of locking your car doors at night."