

Crimes Against the Elderly: Is the Criminal Justice System Doing All We Can?

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This paper examines the growing elderly population in the United States and its future impact on law enforcement. It also compares the correlation of the elderly population and victimization. Despite the fact that the elderly are not high-risk crime victims, their perceptions often create apprehension. To alleviate these fears, programs currently being used to aid and educate the elderly about increased safety and protection against victimization in their communities are described.