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# FRAUD ALERT!

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## **DON'T MAKE INVESTMENTS BASED UPON FAITH OR TRUST!**

Home Equity and Mortgage frauds that take advantage of a person's religious affiliation or trusting relationship continue to rise. Just because an individual is a member of the clergy, a member of your congregation, or a long time acquaintance, doesn't mean you should trust them with your money, home, or good credit. Scam Artists know that we give our money or take advantage of investment opportunities only with people we trust. Therefore, they will establish a trusting relationship with us – or take advantage of an existing one – before they try to scam us.

### **Don't!**

- ✓ Make investments with your clergy, pastor, or deacons based upon faith and trust
- ✓ Agree to use your good credit to make investments in which other people are in control
- ✓ Deed your property to anyone without a 3<sup>rd</sup> party consult
- ✓ Sign any documents you haven't read COMPLETELY or any document that has blank spaces to be filled in after you sign

### **DO!**

- ✓ Ask questions
- ✓ Consult a 3<sup>rd</sup> party
- ✓ Read all items carefully
- ✓ Your homework on the "company" especially if you are investing with a person you know who says they are working on behalf of a company

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**Need help or have a question?**

**Call the Denver DA Fraud Line: 720-913-9179**

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For more information on *Traveling Con Artists*, go to [www.denverda.org](http://www.denverda.org) and click on Consumer Alerts. The DA's Fraud Line is 720-913-9179