



The Carlisle Mercury/Pan Bowles Photo Minnie Pearl, Josh Shepherd talked to Mike Phillips one of the users in the Carlisle-Nicholas County Tourism Inc. presentation of the Womansess Wedding. Liz Taylor-Spud Marshall looks on during the performance.

Barn painting fraud can happen to anyone

In the continuing series of articles about Fraud and Scams, Detective Ron Harrison, Kentucky State Police explains how the Barn Painting Fraud operates.

There are two popular methods which are used in the Barn Painting Fraud. The first and simplest method used is for the Fraud Artists to drive on to your property with their equipment and try to sell you a paint job. They will have the paint and a portable paint sprayer and will do your job as soon as you give them the go ahead.

The second method appears to be more legitimate. First there is a salesman who will contact you about painting your barn. The salesman or foreman will make certain guarantees about the workmanship and quality of the paint. He will probably guarantee the length of time the paint will last. He may even give you an 800 number to call to find out about the company

he represents. Of course the 800 number is manned by people who are in on the fraud. After you have confirmed the legitimacy of the company and have given the salesman a down payment, they will send a crew to paint your barn.

In this fraud the paint being used is the problem. One way to defraud you is to put cheap paint into containers of a more expensive paint. The second way is to dilute the paint with water or some other liquid. Usually after several rains the paint will begin to fade or have a washed out look.

When the fraud artists are trying to sell you a paint job, the big selling point is in the number of years that the paint is supposed to last. Usually the job is at least half again as much as it would cost to do the job normally. But the quality of paint is supposed to be so superior that it will offset the cost of the job. They will tell you that it is a newly developed paint with new chemicals.

The second method is usually worked by the highly organized groups from North and South Carolina. They will be driving newer GMC or Chevrolet pickup trucks with

North or South Carolina trucks. This fraud was worked recently in Grant County.

The best defense against the barn painting fraud is to obtain references and to obtain bids from other companies. There are legitimate businesses that paint barns and will give you written estimates and provide you with names of customers who have had their barns painted.

If you are suspicious of this new type paint that is supposed to last for a long period of time call a paint store and find out if they know anything about a new paint.

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