

Below is an alert I received from today from the Lexington County Sheriff's Office regarding an individual defrauding people with phony crime prevention seminars. As always, please feel free to contact me if you are in need of any crime prevention materials or services. Please let me know if you have, or have had, any contact with this individual.

Crime Prevention Seminar Scam

Hello Residents and School Faculty,

This information is to protect you from being a victim of a guy who is scamming community groups and schools with a bogus "Free Crime Prevention Seminar". He last hit several schools in and around Anderson County, SC in March of this year. Just one school has several thousand dollars in orders that they placed with this individual for security products that still have not been delivered. He has spoken to schools and community groups in several states.

The individual gives his name as "Tre Lundquist with the Atlanta-Metro Crime Prevention Task Force". He offers to give a free talk about personal, home, and automobile safety that he calls "Streetwise". After his talks he takes orders for pepper spray, door alarms, and similar items. Authorities say he is actually Richard Edwin Lundquist III a felon on probation for convictions that include impersonating a police officer.



Here is a picture of Mr. Lindquist at a seminar he conducted. He claims to be a former Florida law enforcement officer and Marine who fought in two wars in eight years. He was a prison guard in Florida and only spent two months at Parris Island in 1988. He is on probation so he should NOT be in possession of any firearms.

As of June 2010, Mr. Lindquist was in jail at the Gwinnett County Jail for violation of probation until he was recently released on bond.

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