## BUSINESS IN THE KEYS



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In Homestead a woman Funeral Home employee "allegedly" stole a old man's house and thousands of dollars before a family member reported it to the police. That made national news.

sorry.

## **Elder Abusers I Have Known**

Angel of Death - The goon. She strikes up a friendship and she gets paid to run errands for the victim. The victim goes into the hospital and dies with the goon at her side. The goon leaves the hospital and goes to the bank and withdraws money from the victims account then she proceeds directly to the victims house and steals everything including valuable

Bridezilla Cocaine Queen -Don't trust this woman with your charge cards, you'll be **Renters from Hell** - They tell the senior landlady that work needs to be done - they cash the checks and keep the money; needless to say the work is never done.

The Borrower - Bo the borrower shows up everyday for free beer and to borrow some money that is never repaid. Someone need to call I.C.E.

ORCA Cleaning Lady -

When the home owner sends her to buy orchids the cleaning lady buys some for herself without the knowledge or permission of the boss lady and then sells them. She

supply is gone and things are missing.



Registration for the 9th Annual 2022 Earth Day Lionfish Derby is now open! The event will take place April 22-24 at Sharkey's Pub & Galley Restaurant.

This is REEF's annual Florida Keys "local" derby, fishing to take place in Monroe County waters only

Sunday's awards will nclude cash prizes, raffles, games, lionfish tastings and drink specials! The last day to register your team is April 22.





Neglector - Katie. Katie's mother was bedridden and Katie was the caretaker. Katie repeatedly left her mother home alone laying in a puddle of shit while Katie went drinking. When Katie wanted to get off work early she would pretend to make a phone call and then frantically announce that her mother was home alone and she had to go take care of her and then she would race out the door just to go drinking.

The Immigrant and the Rich Lady - Suspicious children had hidden cameras installed and caught the immigrant woman beating the rich paint heiress for not writing checks to her.

The Billionaire and Me - My wealthy friend called me one day to see if I was ok. I was fine at work on the Coconut Telegraph. My friend said he had gotten a call from someone who said I was hurt in a car accident, needed money and to send it to them. They tried to scam him.

Beware of people who say they don't want to get involved as they may be complicit. Have you ever heard the phrase "Thick as thieves"? A thief always wants to see another thief get away with it. Some people will flat out refuse to believe

it because they are not intelligent enough to care. They will side with the con artist and are only setting themselves up to be the next victim. Learn the hard way.

This kind of crap happens everyday all over the world but I would think it is more in South Florida because of the many retirees. What can you do to help? Be a nosy neighbor. If you see something unusual happening talk to the other neighbors, your friends, the family and the police. Ask to see the power of attorney papers. Investigate.

It is fairly easy to do a free background check through the Sheriffs Department website Keysso.net. Their phone number is 305-292-7000. If it is an emergency dial 911. Together we can make a difference.

The best thing about the good old days was that I wasn't good and I wasn't old

had quite a side business going. Horrible House Sitter -Welcome home. Your liquor