

## JUSTIN RAY WHITE TESTIMONY

My name is Larry White and I am an Ex-Traveler from the Pacific Northwest. I'm an inmate in the Idaho State Correctional Institute and I'm currently serving 10 years for Grand Theft and using a false ID. I was born in Idaho into the Traveler way of life.

When I was a boy at the age of 10 I can remember peddling flowers, candy and cheap leather wallets at bars, stores, and beauty salons. I would get a percentage of what I sold for the night from my father who was a Traveler. I was a poor salesman at the time, but as the years advanced I got better at it. When I turned about 13 I started working on the road with my father. I can still remember him telling me if anyone asked where we were from to tell them we live at such and such lane and address (we always had a story ready). I remember my Dad having me roll my window down so I could hear him talk to the elderly people and pick up pointers on how to hustle them.

When we were looking for a job, I would watch out my side looking for old people while my father paid attention to his side of the street and drove. We would pick our houses by the looks of them: old car, no toys laying around, yards that are kept up nice and single names on mail boxes. By the time I was 15 years old I had heard enough and seen enough to know this was a great life and an easy life. I didn't need much schooling or any kind of education as far as that went (all the Travelers kids hardly ever went to school), we learned what we had to do from our own fathers and that was to lie, cheat, and scam for the almighty dollar. All I ever wanted was to be like my Dad and Uncles and be like a high roller.

The Traveler way of life was the only way of life, easy money all the time, you wore the best clothes, \$500 to \$1,000 western boots, had gold rings on your hands, gold watches and bracelets on your wrist, new trucks all the time, all chromed out and your new Lincoln's, Cadillac's, Lexus'—what more would you need to see to know that this was the life you wanted, all the Travelers telling you camp fire stories on how much money they had made on some old goat or "kushtia" they had found somewhere out in the country and how easy it was to take them for their money.

Most Travelers when I was a kid would stay in a town for a week or two, then move to another town as soon as they worked the area or did a real good job where they made a couple thousand dollars and were scared it might draw heat. So the Traveler's kids never had time for school. They learned that the only way to make a living was to lie, cheat and scam.

Most of your Travelers today are all home owners with homes that range from \$70,000.00 to five hundred thousand dollars. They stay in one place longer, have their kids in school part of the time and have businesses such as car lots, blacktop paving, RV sales and septic tank pumping. When things slow down and the money isn't coming in every day, they will start tripping off, away from the house to other states and scam money from the senior citizens.

You can always spot a traveler by his outfit - known as his truck. Most of them like fancy 1 ton-dually's with fancy wheels and tinted windows, with the front plate off, so you can't tell where he is from. They don't like older vehicles because they can't depend on them - when it's time to leave town you want something dependable that will get you out fast. Some of the Travelers like to put magnets on their license plates, so all they have to do is pull the plates off.

When they get a job, they tell the senior citizens that they just bought the truck and haven't had time to get plates.

Most of the Traveler girls are very beautiful women and when its time for them to marry, the father's hook them up with a good Traveler or "hummiechill" boy who will be a good provider and will take care of her in the way she is accustom to.

Traveler girls are sold to their husbands and sometimes that's a very large sum, 20 to 30 thousand dollars if she's a good hustler and can make money everyday. They do all kinds of scams but mostly shoplifting or conning old men out of hundreds or even thousands by playing with their hearts.

The reason the elderly are a good target is because they are very trustworthy. They are very lonely and want someone to talk to. They also save their money more than younger people. The elderly like their house in good shape because of all the good memories they have with their family. The main target of the Travelers is an elderly person who lives alone. There is no one they can confide to, so they are very easy to trick.

When a Traveler or myself works for an elderly person, we try to quickly learn as much as we can about their life. One way is by asking about their yard ("Who does your yard for you?", "You have a beautiful yard."). They will tell you anything and everything about how they have to do it themselves, how their kids moved away and how this new generation doesn't want to work and how lazy the kids are today. When you ask that one question, they tell it all.

Fake ID's are a must when you do this kind of work because if you get caught scamming someone out of their money, you don't want to bring heat on your real name. Nothing like a good piece of ID with a different name (almost all of your Travelers have good driver's license numbers under a fake name). That's a very important tool. I myself had as many as 60 alias' and once I used an alias to get out of jail. When I got pulled over by the police they would run a check on the alias - it would come up clean and they would let you go, to me the alias was very important and I would use them more than my own name.

The Traveler could make anywhere from fifty thousand a year to five hundred thousand, depending on how good he was. I know of a Traveler that got fifty thousand dollars from one mark in one day and probably about two hundred and fifty thousand dollars in a years time, off the same mark. The most I ever made in one day and on one job was \$8,400.00. I remember a lot of of two-thousand days and then there were days I never made a cent. I'm not sure what I made in a year's time, but if I was to guess I would say sixty to seventy thousand a year. I was too busy spending it to keep an account of what I made.

There are so many Traveler scams floating around the country and when one gets burnt they think of new ones to do. My favorite was getting into attics and spraying for termites. I would take an old piece of wood with me and put bugs in it. I would then show it to them and tell them that the wood came from their attic and that I could fix the problem by spraying and they could save a lot of money. Over the years, I've been involved in all kinds of scams: blacktop paving, blacktop seal coating, roofing, home repair work, septic tank pumping, tree trimming, yard care and pest control.

There's probably a few more, but these are my favorite and the most common ones that Travelers do to the senior citizens.

What I would suggest to all senior citizens is to never hire anyone to do work for you that shows up on your door step. **THEY ARE THERE TO STEAL YOUR MONEY.** They don't care about you at all. All they want is your money. Another thing I would suggest is to buy a few toys and lay them around in your front yard so it doesn't look like old people live there, like a tricycle or a swing set, a basketball or Tonka toys - just a couple of these is enough to throw a Traveler off.

Never have anything done on the spur of a moment. I suggest calling up friends, family, police or your sheriff's office and ask them what they think (never let anyone talk you into anything). If it sounds too good to be true, that's because it isn't true. Nothing is for free, Travelers don't get rich doing stuff for free, they get rich by your kindness and by you trusting them.