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## Man Sentenced to Prison For Scamming Elderly Motorists, Attempting to Bribe Police Officer

A man was sentenced today to 10 years in state prison for scamming elderly motorists by falsely claiming they were in traffic collisions and then demanding money from them, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

David Stevens, 43, was sentenced in a Van Nuys courtroom before Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Martin Herscovitz. Last month, Stevens pleaded no contest to one count each of residential burglary, two counts of theft from an elder and one count of bribing an executive officer.

Deputy District Attorney William Chung of the Elder Abuse Section said Stevens sought out elderly drivers and told them they were involved in a traffic collision. Stevens then pressured the victims to give money for alleged vehicle damage or personal injuries caused by the accident.

Stevens complained about his health following his arrest and was taken to a hospital for observation. He offered to pay off a police officer at the hospital if the officer would give him time to escape.

Case LA076682 was investigated by the Los Angeles Police Department and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

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