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Weekly Public Affairs Program

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Total running time: 29:30 (with optional exit at 24:00)

1. **Ryan Kalember**, Senior Vice President of Cybersecurity Strategy for online security company Proofpoint

Scammers have devised a new scheme to steal thousands of dollars from homebuyers who are about to close on a house. Mr. Kalember said buyers are often tricked into wiring their down payment on the day of closing to a fraudulent offshore account, by criminals who have hacked their real estate agent's or title company's email account. He explained how consumers can protect themselves.

Issues covered:

Length: 7:43

Crime

Online Security

Personal Finance

2. **Diane Redleaf**, family defense attorney, author of *"They Took the Kids Last Night: How the Child Protection System Puts Families at Risk"*

The number of children in the U.S. foster care system is at record levels, thanks in part to the opioid crisis. With nearly 450,000 children in the system, Ms. Redleaf discussed what happens when caseworkers make mistakes, taking children from parents who are neither abusive nor neglectful. She noted that minority families are disproportionately affected by this trend. She also said that once children are taken, parents and their attorneys sometimes can't learn where the children are being housed.

Issues covered:

Length: 9:24

Foster Care

Minority Concerns

Parenting

3. **David Mizejewski**, Naturalist at the National Wildlife Federation

Mr. Mizejewski talked about the benefits of allowing leaves to decompose naturally, rather than raking them up and disposing of them. In addition to serving as a natural fertilizer, he said butterflies and songbirds depend on leaf litter for food sources. He also discussed the environmental impact of bagging up lawn debris for disposal.

Issues covered:

Length: 4:37

Environment