

**Notice of Public Hearings  
Dept. of Human Services  
Study Group on Prosecution of  
Crimes Against the Elderly**

The Department of Human Services will hold two public hearings for the purpose of taking public comment on a draft report to be submitted to the Legislature's Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice. The report is issued by the Department's Study Group on Prosecution of Crimes Against the Elderly, which the DHS was directed to convene by the Legislature, pursuant to P.L. 1995, Ch. 696. The report reviews case histories of reported crimes against the elderly and identifies barriers to successful prosecution, including a review of the criminal code.

Two public hearings will be held:

1. October 16, 1996, 9 AM - 12 PM,  
Cumberland County Sheriff's Office,  
County Way, Portland
2. October 17, 1996, 9 AM - 12 PM,  
Eastern Agency on Aging,  
Twin City Plaza, 238 State Street, Brewer

Members of the study group will be present at the public hearings to listen to comments and answer questions. Comments on the draft report may be made verbally at the public hearings or may be submitted in writing to the address below.

For a copy of this draft report, or for more information, contact:

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