

Windshield 'deal'

One of your Oct. 21 editorials highlighted a stranger-than-fiction story about a young man allegedly peddling illegal substances door to door in an Horry County subdivision.

I was recently confronted by a much more common kind of peddling in our own area. I was out of town when my teenage daughter called to ask about having her windshield replaced. She had been approached in a shopping center parking lot by a helpful young man who told her that her windshield was cracked and needed to be replaced.

They needed my permission, as the owner of the vehicle, to contact the insurance company.

I worked in the auto glass industry years ago, and recognized the name of the company that was trying to "help" her. With no store locations, they hover in parking lots, seeking to pressure people they think are vulnerable into replacing windshields.

I told my daughter to politely decline, and to take the truck to a local company that I know does quality work if she had any concerns about the windshield.

When I got home, I inspected her windshield and couldn't find any cracks or chip marks. I wasn't surprised.

There are excellent local companies that operate with integrity and support our community. If someone approaches you in a parking lot or knocks at the door of your home and wants to replace your windshield, I'd advise you to decline.

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