



Woman Says Consumers Should Be Wary Of Contractors

Web Site Lists Contractors Who've Had Background Checks Done

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DOUBLE OAK, Texas - A Denton County woman whose sister was slain has started a Web site to help consumers stay safe from contractors with criminal backgrounds.

Lucia Bone, the founder of

sueweavercause.org

, said her sister, Sue Weaver, was raped and killed in 2001 in her home by a contractor she hired to clean her air ducts.

Her family later learned the man had a felony record.

"We realized that had a background check been done, Sue most likely would still be alive," she said.

Bone decided to something about it and started working on her Web site four years ago.

The site lists businesses that do background checks on their contractors.

"They need to know who is coming into their home, and CAUSE certification is a program that will offer consumers a means to hire safer workers," she said.

Mike Coffey, of Imperative Information Group, does background checks. He said it's a good idea for businesses to sign up.

"To not know who you're sending out there -- on it's face -- is irresponsible," he said.

Bone said she hopes people log on and learn from her sister's slaying.

"Sue was a wonderful person," she said. "She was my best friend, and I had to do something in her honor and memory that might have saved her life."

There is a price for businesses to get certified, but it's free for consumers to find a certified contractor.

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