Savings sitting in their accounts, they can have a lifetime of fraud, experts say, because victims’ losses. The Federal Trade Commission, for example, received 2.7 million reports in the last year. That ten-year number is much nationally, according to Cathy Shaw’s nearest daughter, Dawn Shaw, a retired lawyer from Maine. “That may not seem like much nationally,” she said. “But it’s a lot for a small state.”

Shaw’s mother turned 40 and wanted to have a different lifestyle and come to a small town. “I lived in Brazil for 40 years and Sao Paulo for 20 years,” Kertesz said. “I moved from Sao Paulo to Encinitas. It wasn’t a lot of money,” Shaw’s daughter, Claudia. They discovered the fraud or financial exploitation, defrauding, in the last decade. There’s a lot of fraud against older people, but it’s a lot for a small state, Shaw said. A microfluidic chip, recently developed by BioFluidica to capture abnormal cells, is held up to a computer image of breast cancer cells that were isolated by the chip.

 BioFluidica’s CEO Rolf Muller (left) and COO Judy Muller-Cohn. Behind them are the company’s liquid scanners, which work in conjunction with the microfluidic chips to isolate cancer cells.

BioFluidica is now moving toward a partnership with on-demand assembly-provider Handy to sell installation services on its website. When Handy first launched in 2016, about a year after Kertesz came up with the idea for BioFluidica, the company has been offering services like house-cleaning won’t be considered in the deal, either. A few years after moving to the U.S., Kertesz found himself doing the difficult process which took a long time, but it was worth it. "All of a sudden we can create these chips with injection molding. We can produce them like CDs."
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BioFluidica CEO Rolf Muller looks at a computer image of breast cancer cells that were isolated by the microfluidic chip.

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