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PRESS RELEASE

To: All Media Outlets

From: Detective Gordon D. Wentworth, Jr.

RE: FBI / Lottery Scam WARNING

On 11/25/11 Webster Police Detectives were notified of an apparent scam affecting elderly residents in the area. It appears that area residents had been contacted by a party via telephone informing them that they had won a lottery prize. The residents would then send money to the party to "claim their prize." Once the money had been sent, the residents would be contacted by another party claiming to be an "FBI Agent" investigating the lottery scam. The "FBI Agent" would then ask the resident to send money to a third party to assist in investigating the scam. The unsuspecting residents were told "not to tell anyone" that they had spoken with the "FBI."

Area residents have been victimized for tens of thousands of dollars from this apparent scam. This particular scam appears to be conducted via telephone and it has been initiated by the perpetrator having contacted the victim. Webster Police have begun an investigation into the matter, along with state and federal authorities. It has been determined that this scam has resulted in numerous victims nationwide and that monies lost as a result had been sent all over the globe.

Webster Police are reminding area residents to refrain from providing any personal identifying information over the phone and to refrain from responding to requests for money to be sent to anyone outside of normal correspondence. Webster Police are further reminding citizens to refrain from sending cash through the mail or other means of delivery. If you suspect that you or a family member have been victimized as part of this scam, you are encouraged to contact the Webster Police Department. As always, tips on managing Identity Theft and how to further protect yourself against identity theft may be found at www.websterpolice.com.