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DATE: December 8, 2010
FROM: OFFICER STEVEN CACCIAPOUTI
RE: SCAM/FRAUDULENT ACTIVITY

On December 8, 2010, a Webster couple had reported that they were scammed of nearly \$10,000. The couple received a phone call stating that they had won \$350,000 and all they needed to do to claim this prize was to wire \$10,000 to Costa Rica. The couple was told that the prize was being offered from Random House. Unfortunately this was a scam and the money wired will probably never be recovered.

The Webster Police would like to make a few reminders to safeguard the public from such scams. First common sense must prevail; if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is. When you win a prize you should not have to pay any fee to collect that prize. If someone tells you that you need to wire money to a third party to claim your prize than it is probably not a legitimate offer. Also, please remember to never give out your personal information to ANYONE you don't know or trust.

If you have any questions concerning these fraudulent ventures or think that you may be a victim of one of these scams, you can contact the Webster Police at 508-943-1212.

