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RE: Scam Alert Targeting Elderly

It has been reported to the Webster Police Department that some area seniors have fallen victim to yet another elaborate scam. These predatory telemarketers are extremely good at what they do and we want you to be informed so that you can protect yourself and those you love.

These individuals are posing as grandchildren and are using correct names and geographic locations for the grandchildren. They state they have been arrested after an accident or altercation and need money for bail and/ or restitution for damages. They state that their attorney or other interested party will contact them shortly with all the information needed to send the money. They also state that they are embarrassed and ask that you please not call parents or other family members until the ordeal is over.

The follow up call is made shortly after where instructions are made to wire money to a specific person or location that fits with the one provided by the false grandchild. Additional calls are made for other expenses and fines for as long as the victim continues to send money and as you can imagine it adds up quickly.

Today's technology makes gathering information easy for these individuals. We urge everyone to avoid sending money to anyone they do not know and if someone is posing as a family member ask important personal questions only that family member would know and then verify their location with another family member.

Even upon the discovery of the scam these telemarketers do not give up. They have follow-up scams to draw you back in. They have called stating they were from a law enforcement agency, provide fake names and ID numbers, and inform you they are investigating your fraud case. Then ask you to send money so they can get your money back.

When in doubt please contact us or your local police department