

FRAUDULENT SCAM ALERT

With in the past week the Middletown Police Department has received 2 complaints regarding subjects calling requesting bail money. In both instances the callers targeted elderly residents by posing as a family member, (adult grandchild) and stating that they were arrested in Canada.

The caller then puts a second person on the phone; this person impersonates a police officer stating that their grandchild needs a large sum of money to get out of jail. In one case they requested \$2,700.00 and in another case they requested \$5,700.00 to be sent. The victims were asked to provide credit card information over the phone.

These fraudulent scams are carried out in various ways and the stories are usually designed to get an immediate reaction in order for them to work. If you receive an unexpected phone call from anyone requesting personal information you should refuse to disclose the information. Try to verify as much information as you possibly can by obtaining the name of a contact person and a call back number.

If you have any concerns or questions regarding phone solicitations that you may have received please feel free to contact the local Police with questions regarding your concerns.