



NEWS RELEASE

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SUBJECT: Crime Alert - Grandparent Scam

There have been several recent occurrences of the “Grandparent Scam” in and around Newark. The Grandparent Scam is a fraud targeting the older population in which a telephone caller pretends to be the grandchild of the recipient of the call. The caller uses the name of the actual grandchild, and claims to need money for some type of emergency—bail, hospital visit, car trouble—somewhere away from home. The caller instructs the grandparent to wire the money immediately. Anyone receiving such a call should recognize it is a scam and should immediately hang up the phone.

If you have been the victim of this scam, please contact your local police department.

You can send an anonymous text message tip by texting 302NPD and your message to TIP411. Information can also be provided anonymously to Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333 or via the internet at www.tipsubmit.com where a reward may be available.

The Newark Police Department affirms that all defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

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