



NEWARK POLICE DEPARTMENT
220 Elkton Road
Newark, DE 19715



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Public Service Announcement-Mail Scam

On Wednesday, October 17, 2007, two Newark residents received letters by mail requesting money. The sender of the letter is requesting money to help recover his out-of-pocket expenses as they relate to caring for his parents, who are in poor health. The letter further states that health insurance in their country is substandard and he often pays for their medical expenses without reimbursement. These letters are scams! The Newark Police Department would like city residents to consider the following facts before mailing away their money:

1. Money should not be sent to persons or organizations that you are not familiar with or do not personally know.
2. If you any questions regarding the source of requests for donations, you should investigate the organization or person by using all resources at your disposal (i.e. telephone, internet, better business bureau, chamber of commerce, etc.)
3. Older citizens should be particularly careful as they are often the targets of such crimes as telephone scams, mail fraud, home improvement fraud, etc.
4. Remember the old adage, if it looks too good to be true, it probably is.

If you have any questions regarding this Public Service Announcement, please contact Corporal Scott Simpson, Crime Prevention/Crime Analysis Officer, Newark Police Department, (302) 366-7110, ext. 129.