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MEDIA RELEASE

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Topic: Telephone Scams Targeting Senior Citizens

Over the past several months, there has been an increase in scams targeting our Senior Citizens. The scam starts with a phone call to the Victim, who is informed of a relative being in jail. The caller states that the relative is in custody in another state or foreign country. The call is requesting bail money to aid in the release of the relative. In our cases, the caller has requested \$900 to \$1,000. Once the money is sent, our victims have received a second phone call the next day, requesting more money due to increased cost of release from jail. It is later that our victims have found out the relative was never in jail and had not requested the money. The object of the scam artist is to gain confidence and then information to help build the credibility of the caller to get the money sent.

If you receive a call such as this, please disconnect the phone and call your local police. In most cases, our victims could have made calls and determined the caller was a scam. Do not give out any banking or credit information over the phone.

If you are unsure of the call or information given to you, contact police or another relative to assist you in verifying the details prior to sending money.

If you have been a victim of this crime, contact police to file a report.

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