



Community Alert

Deceptive Practice/Senior Citizen Victims

About This Crime:

- Victims are senior citizens between the ages of 70-90.
- They receive a phone call from a subject purporting to be a friend of a relative who is in distress and needs money wired to them.
- Various requests include an incarcerated relative in need of bond money. They also ask the senior citizen victim to please wire money because a relative's wallet, containing their money and credit cards, was stolen.

What You Can Do:

- Verify the circumstances with a family member or a trusted friend.
- Confer with a family member or a trusted friend before withdrawing and wiring large sums of money
- Make sure to inform all your family and friends, who are in this targeted age group, about these types of scams.
- File a complaint with the money transfer agent such as Western Union or MoneyGram.

If you need additional information, call 311 or the CAPS Office at your District Station and ask for the Senior Citizen liaison Officer.