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Citizens Should Be Vigilant of Phone Scam

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(Christiansburg, Virginia) - The Christiansburg Police Department is warning the community to be aware of a scam that appears to specifically target the elderly population.

In this scam, a person will call a potential victim and pretend to be their grandchild. The caller claims to be in a foreign country and in some type of trouble, such as they were in a car crash or on the verge of being arrested. They are very convincing as they claim to need money wired to them immediately in order to avoid more trouble.

If a scammer successfully obtains money, they may even call back a second or third time with new reasons for needing additional funds wired to them.

Due to the money being wired out of the country, it is nearly impossible for the police to track the funds and identify the scam artists.

The best way to avoid becoming a victim is to be suspect of any calls of this nature, do not send any money, and call the police department at (540) 382-3131.

Residents with elderly parents or neighbors are also encouraged to talk to them about this scam. As always, citizens are reminded to be vigilant at home, when contacted via the phone, and when using email and/or the internet.

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