



Community Alert

Deceptive Practice/Financial Exploitation Of The Elderly

About This Crime:

Offenders call victims on the telephone and allege to be law enforcement personnel, such as a Chicago Police Officer, an out-of-state police officer, or F.B.I. or Secret Service agent. They use various ruses, including asking the victim's assistance in helping to catch counterfeiters who have scammed one of the victim's relatives. They ask the victim to provide serial numbers of United States currency in the victim's possession. Offenders also claim that someone is using the victim's credits cards and ask the victim to participate in a sting operation.

In all of these instances, the offenders direct the victim to withdraw a large amount of money from the victim's bank account and later turn it over to the offender for the purpose of assisting in a police investigation.

What You Should Know:

The Chicago Police Department and other law enforcement agencies do not request money (United States currency) from anyone to assist in an investigation.

What You Should Do:

If you receive a telephone call or are confronted by someone asking for money and claiming to be a police officer or other law enforcement agent, call "911" and request that a supervisor respond to your location. Provide police personnel with as much information as possible, including the time of contact, a phone number from Caller ID, or a physical description of the offender or offender's vehicle.

Offender Information:

Unknown persons identifying themselves as law enforcement personnel and providing fictitious names and badge numbers.

**Anyone with any information should call Area Three Robbery/Burglary/Theft at
312-744-8263**