



# SCAM WARNING

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The Monterey County Sheriff's Office would like to warn the public about what is commonly referred to as a "Border Line Scam" (money is wired outside the border of the USA, frequently to Canada). The victims targeted are frequently senior citizens. The Coastal Station in Monterey has had two victims in the Carmel area since June who have reported this scam. The victims each received calls from a suspect claiming to be their grandson. The caller said that he was in Canada and was under arrest and needed money wired to him. He then asked for a large sum of money to be wired to him. The suspect is usually crying and sounds distraught and asks the grandparent not to contact his parents. The telephone connection is not always clear so the victims think they are in fact talking to their grandson.

The victims then wire the money, which is picked up immediately. After wiring the money, they later find out that the caller is not their grandson, nor has he been in Canada. Cities mentioned include Montreal/Quebec Canada and Vancouver British Columbia. One victim wired \$25,000 and the other \$2,500.

If you receive a call like this please call your local law enforcement agency immediately.

Always verify with a trusted family member before you wire money anywhere.