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Beware of Telephone Scam

The Monterey Police Department has received two recent complaints about an apparent telephone scam targeting senior citizens. In both cases, senior citizens received a telephone call from a subject who identified himself as their grandson. The male subject was upset and claimed he had been arrested in Canada and needed bail money. The caller directs the "grandparent" to a major chain store to wire the money.

People receiving this type of call should ask the subject identifying questions that only the "grandchild" would know, as well as for specific information as to where the person is being held, the name of the facility and a call back number. Recipients should also check with other relatives to see if they have any information about the situation. Community members should never give their own personal information over the phone or answer questions that would give the caller other relative's personal information.

Local police should be contacted anytime community members believe they have been the target of telephone scams or fraud of any sort.

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