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FRAUD ALERT – GRANDMA IT’S ME SCAM

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(Woodland, CA) – July 20, 2009 District Attorney Jeff Reisig announced that Yolo County District Attorney Jeff Reisig wants to alert older adults about a scam occurring in the area. Recently, a local resident wired \$3000 dollars to a thief from Canada using this trick.

In a typical scenario, a grandparent receives a phone call from a con artist claiming to be one of his/hers grandchildren. The caller often tells a story about being out of the country and in some kind of trouble. It may involve getting arrested or a car accident and they always want you to keep it a secret. Next they ask for money to be sent as soon as possible using a wire service like MoneyGram or Western Union.

The District Attorney asks that you help spread the word about this scam and be suspicious if anyone calls unexpectedly asking you to wire money (especially to Canada). We suggest that you contact a family member to verify the situation – even if you are told to keep it a secret. You might even consider having a password or a security question for the caller that only a real family member would know.

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