

FRAUD ALERT!

Local police issue phone scam warning

Warwick police are warning residents about a possible scam apparently targeting the elderly involving a \$1.2 million sweepstakes.

Police are also reminding people to keep their parked vehicles locked after a series of break-ins in the township.

A Warwick resident nearly became the victim of a scam this week when they considered wiring \$2,700 to a company called American Direct in order to claim a supposed \$1 million prize. An alert store clerk convinced the resident not to wire the money and notified police about the scam. Police said the victim was told to wire the money for “confirmation insurance.”

Earlier this year, someone else fell victim to a scam that cost \$46,000. Police say the people notifying residents about the sweepstakes are very convincing and that the information they send in the mail appears to be legitimate. People who believe they received similar mailings or phone calls are asked to call police.

Police are also telling people to keep their garage doors and their vehicles locked following a series of car break-ins last week. Police reported over ten break-ins in the past month.

Anyone who may have released personal information to callers should contact their local police department immediately. It is recommended to also contact your bank or financial institution immediately and then notify the following credit bureaus to request that a fraud watch be placed on their account: Equifax - 1-800-997-2493; Experian Information Solutions - 1-888-397-3742; TransUnion - 1-800-916-8800.

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