



Police Impersonation Telephone Scams

Since September 16, 2011, there have been 19 incidents citywide targeting elderly single/widowed women.

How does the crime take place?

A man claiming to be a police officer or agent from law enforcement will call the victim, usually an elderly female who is single or widowed, claiming that the victim is in possession of counterfeit money from their local bank. The person posing as law enforcement then instructs victim to go to a Chase Bank branch and withdraw large sums of cash ranging from \$4,000-25,000 so they can use it as evidence in the investigation. They manipulate the victim by telling them that the bank is in on the counterfeiting as to avoid any interaction between the teller or bank representative and victim. The perpetrator(s) then arrange to meet at a set location where the victim hands the person impersonating the police their money. The criminal then leaves with the money and the scam is complete.

Tips

Should a stranger call your home soliciting money for a police department or law enforcement agency investigation, consider the following:

- Remain Calm
- Understand Police Departments or law enforcement agencies **NEVER** solicit money from the public - **EVER**.
- Ask the person calling for their rank, name, phone number and agency.
- Never give your personal information to someone over the telephone.
- After receiving the phone solicitation, call 9-1-1 immediately and report the above information to the local police precinct.

Be sure to share this information and discuss this crime with your elderly friends and family members.

