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# BEWARE:

## THE SPIRITUAL BLESSING CON GAME

## 纽约市警-警惕公告 慎防祈福党欺诈



### THE SCAM UNFOLDS LIKE THIS:

The spiritual blessing con game is a scam that targets elderly women, primarily from the Chinese community. The perpetrators are typically Chinese women who approach potential victims on the street and engage them in conversation. The perpetrator will convince her victim that he or she is being followed by evil spirits and that bad luck or illness will befall the victim or members of his or her family. The con artist then tells her victim that she will help, but only if the victim brings all of her valuables (money and jewelry) to a meeting place where her belongings will be placed into a "good luck" bag for three days. Unfortunately, when the victim opens the bag she will discover that all of her money and jewelry have been removed and replaced with valueless items.

### AVOID FALLING VICTIM TO THIS CRIME, PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING TIPS:

- Don't believe strangers who say they can remove bad luck or evil spirits.
- Don't hand your valuables over to strangers.
- Perpetrators are Mandarin or Cantonese speaking females 30 - 40 years of age, working in groups of three (3).
- If you are approached by such a person, or people, call 911 immediately!

If you have any information that may help the police regarding these incidents, please call Crime Stoppers @ 1-800-577-TIPS

### 有关欺诈如下：

这种骗案大多目标是纽约市华裔社区的女长者。骗徒是一群华裔女子，在街上找到目标就趋前搭讪。骗徒声称受害人或者亲友最近遭到厄运或者将患重病。骗徒说服可以为受害人或者亲友解除厄运，但受害人必须将有价值的财物（钱和珠宝）交出来。骗徒带受害人到一个地方将财物摆放在一个预先准备好的“福”袋内，骗徒叮嘱受害人三天后才打开袋子。不幸的是，当受害人打开袋子后，却发现钱和珠宝已被骗走，袋里只有一些毫无价值的物品。

### 警方劝告民众不要上当，记得一些防止受骗之道：

- 不要相信任何陌生人能为你消灾解难
- 不要将财物交托给任何陌生人
- 骗徒是讲国/粤语的华裔女子，年龄在 30 至 40 岁之间，她们通常三五成群行骗。
- 如果有类似的人接触你，你应立即致电 911 报警。

如果你有任何可以协助警方破案的线索，请致电纽约市报案专线 1-800-577-TIPS。

CRIME PREVENTION SECTION