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

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