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DATE: 01/12/2012

NATURE OF INCIDENT: Police Alert Citizens of Recent Scam/Fraud Cases

CASE NO.:

INCIDENT DATE :01/12/2012

INCIDENT TIME:

INCIDENT LOCATION: Duluth, MN

SUBJECT: Duluth Police Alert Citizens of Recent Scam/Fraud Cases

BY: DPD Public Information Officer Jim Hansen

The Duluth Police Department would like to warn citizens about an on-going scam.

Criminals are notifying victims that they have won a large sum of money from Publisher's Clearing House Sweepstakes. The suspects notify the victim by mail that they have won the sweepstakes and ask that they call them. When the victim calls the suspect, they tell them that they need to pay the taxes on the winnings (usually amounting to around \$15,000) before they can collect the prize. Victims are instructed to send the money to a fictitious person in Canada, using the United Parcel Service. Many of these cases are currently under investigation by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and law enforcement agencies around the country.

The recent cases that have been reported to the Duluth Police Department identify the suspects targeting the elderly. We ask that you speak to friends/relatives and notify them of this type of scam.

If you have any information related to this type of a scam. Please contact the Duluth Police Department Property Crimes Unit at (218) 730-5160.



