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RE: SCAM ALERT

SHERIFF W. BRAD STEUBE REPORTS:

The Sheriff's Office is warning residents of a scam involving the elderly. Detectives are investigating a case where a 91-year old man and his 86-year old wife were scammed out of \$3,500.

The scam involved a person calling and posing as the victim's grandson. The suspect told the victim he was in jail and then put another person on the telephone with instructions on how to wire money to get the grandson bailed out.

The call was traced to Canada. The investigation continues but at this time, no arrests have been made. Detectives believe there could be other cases and are asking anyone with information on this type of scam to call the Sheriff's Office at 941-737-3011, ext. 2510 or Crime Stoppers at 866-634-TIPS.

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