

Latest phone scam targeting grandparents

The Washoe County Sheriff's Office has received more than a dozen reports regarding phone contacts from callers claiming to be a person's grandchild.

The phone number identification accompanying most of these calls is 775.328.3001, which is the front desk number for the sheriff's office.

Typically the scammers identify themselves as a person's grandchild in need of financial assistance because they are in jail or have been involved in an accident. It is not unusual for scammers to use personal information about a potential victim's family members in order to sound credible. This type of information is often easily obtained via the internet or social media.

Unless you are 100 percent sure of whom you are talking with over the phone, never give out personal information and never send money. Gather what information you can and then hang up. Take the time to double-check the story with another family member before proceeding.

Anyone who has suffered a loss as a result of this scam is encouraged to contact the Washoe County Sheriff's Office at 775.328.3001, ext. 7.