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## Phone Scam Involving Senior Citizens

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The Marysville Police Department has discovered that there is still an ongoing phone scam which targets senior citizens. Individuals are receiving phone calls advising them that they have won a substantial amount of money. In order to process the paperwork, the caller requests money from the individual being targeted. Normally the caller will not ask for credit card numbers as people are hesitant to provide that information. Instead, the caller will request the individual go to a store and purchase a Green Dot money card in whatever denomination they are requesting. The caller will then call back and ask for the numbers from the Green Dot card so that they can access the funds without physically having the card. The caller uses the Green Dot cards because the funds cannot be traced once money is transferred to themselves.

These scams originate in several third world countries and are routed through the United States to make it appear as though the call is coming from California, Florida, etc. Marysville Police Department has no way to track these individuals let alone prosecute someone in another country.

Please remember - if something sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

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