



New Jersey Division of Consumer Affairs

★ ★ October 2, 2017 **FRAUD ALERT** ★ ★

ALERT – **Beware of New Phone Scam Demanding Your Money** – Police are warning New Jersey residents to be wary of callers who are demanding to meet their victims in person to hand over a large sum of cash to help friends or family members. Police in the Bergen County municipality of Garfield have identified one victim of the scam and know of other attempts. Senior citizens and immigrants appear to be favorite targets of the scammers who call, say a family member is in trouble and demand a large sum of money be delivered in person. Police suspect that previous personal data thefts may be providing scammers with information to aid in their efforts. Residents are urged to not comply with these demands and instead report them to the authorities. An article on the scam can be read here: <http://www.northjersey.com/story/news/crime/police-blotter/2017/09/22/new-phone-scam-demands-victims-hand-over-money-person-police-warn/693089001/>.

ALERT – **Do Not Fall for Scammers Posing as State Gaming Officials** – The state Division of Gaming Enforcement has reported that several New Jersey residents have received phone calls from people posing as Division agents and claiming the residents have won a large jackpot. The scammers ask for personal identifying information they say is needed for the resident to claim the jackpot. Revealing personal information in this manner can lead to identity theft. The Division states that it does not make calls such as these. Anyone who receives such a call should refuse to give out any information and report the call immediately to the Division by phone at 609-984-0909 or by email at info@njdge.org.

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