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## Napoleon City Police Department

# Press Release

**To:** WNDH, WDFM, Northwest Signal, Defiance Crescent  
**From:** Napoleon City Police  
**CC:** file  
**Date:** 11/21/2012  
**Re:** Phone Call Scam

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A scam was carried out on a Napoleon resident where the caller stated he was a Mexican Police official and the subject's grandson had been arrested in Mexico. The caller asked for bond money to be wired to them to release the grandson. After the money was received another caller requested more funds to arrange travel out of Mexico and back to the US. The subject's grandson was not in custody. The subject's money was stolen.

Please be wary of scams of this nature. Give no personal or banking information to anyone you do not know or have not checked out thoroughly. This scam has several variants and include the person calling pretends to be the relative and requests money wired to them for bail. Also Canada or a European country has been used. It usually is out of the US. Also could be a stranded relative.

Be cautious of any caller requesting money. Ask questions, get contact information. Call other relatives to confirm or disprove the caller's statements.. Call your local police if you have concerns or questions before taking any action.

We have also seen and increase in email banking scams. Emails requesting banking information or wanting to deposit funds into your account in return for a share of the money. These are also scams to steal funds or identity.

Report scam attempts to the to local authorities.