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Worthington Residents Fall Victim to Canadian Bail Money Granny Scam

The Worthington Division of Police has received several reports from senior citizens who have been victims of what is known as the Bail Money Granny Scam. The scam involves a suspect purporting to be a grandchild or someone calling on behalf of a grandchild who is supposedly in Canada and in need of bail money. The victims are instructed to wire the money to Canada so that their loved one can be released from jail.

The Worthington Division of Police recommends that you never wire money to an unknown individual unless you verify their information. Anyone calling you for money that claims to be a friend or family member won't mind if you verify the information. Get their call back number, end the call, and then call other family members or friends to verify their need. If the caller gives you a hard time, that should be a clue that their need is not legitimate.

Should you or anyone you know fall victim to these scams, call your local police.

The following link provides examples of various scams that are/have been committed around America. All end with a victim sending money to Canada.

<http://www.crimes-of-persuasion.com/Crimes/Telemarketing/Outbound/Minor/assistance.htm>