

# FRAUD ALERT

## Grandparents Scam



**Common Victims:** Senior Citizens

**Method of Contact:** Telephone

This particular scheme is aimed at seniors. The unsuspecting victim will answer his/her phone and a voice says, "Hey, Grandpa/Grandma, it's your favorite grandchild, and I'm in trouble." The Senior responds, "Sara, is that you?" A second person will then respond, "Yes, it's Sara, she's calling from a friend's cell phone and she's been in an accident (or she is in jail). She's out of state and needs you to wire some money right away."

**If this happens to you:** Check with family members to see if your grandchild is truly traveling. Never volunteer names of "grandkids" to people who don't immediately identify themselves. Chances are good that the caller will hang up if you challenge them.