

Jerome City Police Department

Protect Yourself from Confidence Scams

The Jerome City Police Department is concerned about public safety related to identity theft and attempts to defraud citizens of their money.

There are criminals sending American citizens promises of large proceeds from overseas lottery, inheritance, or check cashing assistance. These scams have defrauded personal identification and large amounts of money from multiple victims.

The criminals are protected by international borders, and the inability to identify them. If you are contacted and directed to send large amounts of money or your personal identification overseas, please be cautious. If there is no person to person contact, you should be on the alert.

Recently there has also been an influx of these scams being run inside the United States as well. The criminals establish a temporary residence only long enough to defraud several victims, and then they disappear.

Information about these scams and recourses to report them can be found in your local bank branch and the following websites. Don't fall victim to false promises, protect yourself by staying informed.

Federal Government Resources

Department of Justice: www.usdoj.gov/criminal/fraud/idtheft.html

FBI: www.fbi.gov/contact/fo/fo.htm

FTC: www.consumer.gov/idtheft and www.ftc.gov

Local Government Resource

Consumer Protection: www2.sate.id.us/ag/

Consumer Advocacy

AARP: http://research.aarp.org/sonsume/dd85_idtheft.html

Identity Theft Survival Kit: www.privacyrights.org

Privacy Rights Clearinghouse: www.privacyrights.org