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To: Press release  
From: Rye Brook Police Department  
Date: 2/13/2013  
Re: Lottery Scams

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The Rye Brook Police Department is noticing a trend of frauds being perpetrated on individuals in our community. Most victims tend to be seniors. These scams usually involve lottery winnings from places within the United States as well as other countries. Often a person may call or send an email stating you are a winner of thousands of dollars. In order for you to collect, they will ask that you send tax on the money you won and send it to a random person.

Another scam we know of is an email sent from a relative who is on vacation but is in trouble and needs money to bail them out or they ran out of money to get home.

One scam was cash winnings of 2 million dollars from Florida and the promise of two Mercedes Benz'. The "winner" had to pay numerous fees on these winnings in order to collect.

In all cases, once you paid a few dollars, they will contact you a second time because they figured the taxes wrong or there were additional fees they weren't aware of and need to be paid.

If you believe you are a victim of such a scam or at least been contacted by someone purporting that you won a prize, lottery or property of any kind, contact the Rye Brook Police Department.

Remember, if you didn't buy a lottery ticket or enter a raffle, you did not win.