

Scams! Beware and Be Alert!

The **Grandparents Scam** is targeting older people across Iowa and it is re-surfacing again in our area. The caller tricks the elderly victim by claiming to be a grandchild or relative in serious trouble and needing immediate financial help. The caller always claims an emergency need for money, insists that you need to act quickly and pressures you to keep it quiet. The criminal insists that you wire funds or deposit money into a prepaid money card account. Don't send money until you take the time to check out the story. Ask for contact information and let them know you'll get back to them soon. Call your local police department or sheriff's office as they can verify the story.

Spoofing First State Bank Phone Numbers is another scam circulating. The caller ID appears as if the call is from First State Bank, using the bank phone number, but in fact, the caller may be from a resort or credit card company. Please remember that First State Bank will never call you and then ask for any confidential information such as social security number, account number, debit card number, PIN number, etc. If you are ever in doubt, hang up and call us back at our official, advertised telephone number and NOT any number they may have given you.