

# Sheriff



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## **“GRANDSON NEEDS MONEY” SCAM IS BACK**

The scam that won't die has reappeared in Okaloosa County for the third time in the past year. The Sheriff's Office is once again getting reports of a scam that typically involves a phone call from someone saying that "their grandson" or another relative is in jail and "has asked them to call to get bond money" or some version of that story. Other times it's that a family member's wallet was stolen and they're stranded with no cash.

Well-meaning local residents trying to help out someone in need have been victimized by these type pleas. Please be aware of these criminal enterprises if you are targeted. Also, never give out personal information to a stranger.

If you think you've been the victim of a scam or fraud, contact the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office Fraud Hotline at 850-651-7674.

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