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SCAM ALERT

The Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office wants to warn residents about a phone scam circulating in the local area. The agency has received complaints from senior citizens in Shalimar and Fort Walton Beach this week of someone calling and claiming the resident has won a large cash award. The caller requests checking account or credit card information in order to process fees associated with claiming the prize. In one case, the caller said he had the cash award on hand and wanted the individual's address so he could deliver it.

The Sheriff's Office wants to remind citizens who are solicited in this manner to never give out personal or financial information, whether the person makes contact by phone, email, or postal mail.

In addition, those wanting to report suspected scams are asked to please call the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office Fraud Hotline at 850-651-7674.

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