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Sterling police warn about scam targeting grandparents

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STERLING — Police are warning grandparents in town to beware of recent scams involving requests of money to get their grandchildren out of jail.

Two residents recently received separate calls informing them that their grandchild had been involved in an incident in another state or country and that bail money was needed, according to police. The perpetrator of the scam requested the grandparent send money so the grandchild could get out of jail.

One of the scammers requested that the money to free the grandchild be sent to Canada, and there was a request for money to be sent to California. Scammers have requested \$4,500 and \$6,000 in the past couple of weeks.

Police are warning anyone who receives a call of this nature to be suspicious and investigate the request with family members and verify the story before sending any money.

The scammers are telling the victims that time is running out and to send the money immediately. Police are warning residents not to send money before calling a family member or calling authorities.

Police are asking any resident who may get a similar request to report the suspicious calls.