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Crime Prevention Alert

Over the course of the past two months, the Ocean Ridge Police Department has received three complaints from residents informing us of an ongoing telephone scam. All three of the reported incidents involved the claim that a courier would be arriving with the winnings within hours.

The residents reporting these crimes all had the sense to know the calls were part of an ongoing fraud, and therefore have not fallen victim to this crime.

Should you receive unsolicited telephone calls claiming you have won a Lottery, Prize or inherited a large sum of money from a long lost relative, please be very cautious.

IF IT SOUNDS TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE IT PROBABLY IS.

Be cautious of any one requesting payment in order that you may receive a prize as this is illegal in The State of Florida and is generally indicative of criminal activity.

Please do not give your personal information or address to any caller you do not personally know to be legitimate. Do Not arrange to meet persons you do not personally know at your residence or any other area. It is simply not safe.

Many of these con-artists are very convincing and will offer to pickup payments and solicitations or freely deliver prizes in order to further their criminal enterprise.

**Common sense and vigilance is your best ally. Once again, please remember;
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**If you are a victim of this or any other crime please contact the police department at:
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