



LOVELAND POLICE DEPARTMENT PRESS RELEASE

TYPE OF INCIDENT: Fraudulent Activity Reminder		CASE NUMBER:	
LOCATION: Loveland	DATE: June 17, 2011	TIME: 8:00	
INVESTIGATING OFFICER: Loveland Police Department		SUPERVISOR:	
DETAILS: <p>The Loveland Police Department would like to remind area residents of some of the recurrent activities which seem to peak during the Spring and Summer seasons in our locality. In addition to always being a well informed consumer, citizens are urged to contact local Law Enforcement where appropriate to validate information provided to them over the telephone, particularly when the call implicates police involvement.</p> <p>The Loveland Police Department has seen an increase in telephone 'scams' whereby an unknown person or entity attempts to defraud citizens by phoning them and reporting a fictitious family emergency. The Loveland Police would like to remind citizens to be cautious if they receive telephone calls from people who claim to be a relative or an associate of a relative in financial need. The callers prefer to victimize elderly citizens and will phone them and pose as a grandchild or other relative and say they have been arrested or have been involved in an accident and are in need of money.</p> <p>In addition to the above telephone scam, the Loveland Police Department reminds residents there may be fraudulent asphalt or paving companies operating in the area. These companies may contact residents and offer paving or asphalt services for surprisingly low prices, and then either not provide the service as agreed or attempt to collect money prior to completing the job. The Loveland Police Department encourages citizens to consult the Better Business Bureau and to request references, licensure and bonding documentation prior to contracting for services with unfamiliar vendors. The Better Business Bureau reported that nationwide complaints to them rose 10% in 2010. Area residents are urged to continue to exercise caution before making financial commitments prior to receiving a service and to investigate using the available resources before entering into a contract.</p> <p>*The criminal charges are only allegations and the defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty at trial.</p>			
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**IF YOU HAVE INFORMATION ABOUT THIS OR ANY OTHER CRIME PLEASE CONTACT
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