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The Grandparent Scam

This scam has been slowly on the rise again and is the emergency scam or commonly referred to as the "Grandparent" scam. It is referred to as the "Grandparent" scam as it prefers to target the elderly (note: no age group is exempt). Elderly are preferred targeted as they are likely to not be as up-to-date on what exactly their grandchildren are doing. This scam typically will take place over the phone and by manipulating the victim into sending money for who they think is a grandchild, possibly one of their own children.

How Its Done

The scammer will begin the conversation vague and attempting obtain information from the victim about a loved one (usually a grandchild) in order to convince the victim that they are indeed their grandchild. An example of what they may say would be "Nana, is that you? Do you know who this is?" An elderly female may make the mistake of providing them the name (for example - John) of who they believe it is and in turn, the scammer hopes the victim believes it is their grandchild once the scammer replies "Yes Nana, it is John".

How They Get Money

Once the scammer has successfully convinced the person that it is who the victim believes it to be, they then ask for them to send money immediately to a random location using a money transfer service and to not tell anyone in the family as they are scared of judgement. Scammers may also ask for credit card details or banking information. Examples of what the scammer will claim includes a horrible car accident has occurred or that they have been robbed and they need money to be able to get back home. The scammer enforces emotional blackmail on the victim in order to for the victim to send the money immediately without questioning the story given.



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Avoiding this scam requires that we, as BCSI, dutifully inform people, the elderly in particular, that this scam does exist and that the public should always remember to further question anyone who calls them asking for money, especially if they are claiming to be family. If you hang up the phone and are still in doubt, make a call to who you believed you were talking to or call another close relative who would have knowledge about the situation. Finally, never give out any banking information over the phone unless you have dialed the number yourself and know exactly who you are speaking to.

If you or someone you know has fallen victim to this type of scam, please give BCSI a call and we will be happy to provide you with our specialized investigative services.