



DESPARATE GRANDCHILD NEEDING HELP SCAM

Elderly victim receives a phone call from a person who starts the conversation by saying, "Hi grandma" or "Hi grandpa". The victim thinks the caller is their grandchild. The victim may respond with, "Is that you Johnny?" providing the culprit with a name.

The caller tells the victim that they are in trouble and needs their grandparents help. The caller will tell the victim what their problem is. Excuses provided can be they are out of town and have lost their wallet and need money to get home, or they have been arrested and need money for bail or court in order to get out of jail. The caller will come up with any kind of story to make the elderly person feel sorry for them, in order to help them, because they believe it is their grandchild. The caller may even tell the elderly person not to advise any other family members as they are embarrassed and don't want the family to know what kind of trouble they are in.

The caller will then tell the victim the amount of money they require. The caller will instruct the victim to wire the money to a credit union, have cash sent via priority courier or a 'money gram' with Canada Post. The caller will tell the victim to request the 'no signature option' upon delivery as they don't have their identification as proof of who they are.

The victim sends the money and later realizes it was not their grandchild.