

**PRESS RELEASE
TELEPHONE SCAM**

On April 11, 2017, a Wildwood Crest resident received a telephone call from a 516 area code telephone number. The caller, claimed to be Paul Goodman from Publisher's Clearing House. The caller told the resident that they won \$1,000,000.00 and a Mercedes Benz. "Mr. Goodman" then proceeded to ask the resident questions regarding their identity. The resident answered a few of the caller's questions but realized that the call was most likely a scam and they hung up and contacted the Police Department. The resident also informed the Police Department that the subject had a thick accent. The Police Department has begun an investigation and determined that the call was a scam and that the subject is not from this country but is currently in the United States, and was intending on scam the resident out of as much money as possible.

The Wildwood Crest Police Department would like to remind all residents to be suspicious of any telephone calls claiming that they have won money or other prizes. They should also be sure not to give out any personal or financial information to anyone over the telephone. It is important to remember that if there is any suspicion that you have been a victim of such a scam, to contact the Police Department immediately. Also, feel free to contact the Police Department if you have any questions or concerns regarding any calls or communications that you feel were suspicious.

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