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INFORMATION RELEASE

Subject: Attempted Fraud

Date: 2-15-10

From: Lieutenant Kris Sell

Case or Incident: 2010-005085

Summary: One or more Juneau residents are currently being targeted by a ring of aggressive scam artists, possibly calling from Jamaica. The members of the ring are so bold in their attempts to commit fraud they have tried to use police officers and cab drivers as part of their criminal activity. Some of the names the scammers have been using are Roger Taylor, David Williams, and Charles Hall. In each incident the callers were men with heavy Jamaican accents.

On 2-15-10, at about 09:17 a.m., a man calling himself Roger Taylor called the Juneau Police Department pretending to be a concerned relative of an elderly Juneau woman. He wanted officers to get the woman's phone number and call him back. JPD had previously learned that the woman he was calling about has a history of being targeted by this ring of scam artists. JPD had previously met with the woman and knew the man calling himself Taylor is not relative. A supervisor at JPD spoke with the man who at first attempted to be friendly and charming but became hostile and hung up when asked for specifics about how he is related to the woman he wanted officers to contact. He would alternative between saying he was from New York and from Jamaica. He called from a phone with a prefix of 954.

On 2-15-10, at about 10:46 a.m., a Juneau cab company called JPD to report a man calling himself Roger Taylor had called them and asked that a cab driver go to random homes along with the home of the woman who has been a prior target. Taylor wanted the cab driver to ask for phone numbers at the houses and call Taylor with the numbers. The likely scam artist called from a number with the prefix of 876. The cab company employee was suspicious and called JPD without contacting the targeted woman or any other residents.

Juneau residents are warned not to provide any personal information to any person they do not know. Anyone getting a call from someone promising money or prizes if they pay fees or taxes is encouraged to hang up immediately.

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Anyone with information concerning an attempted or completed fraud is encouraged to call the Juneau Police Department at 586-0600.

Any charges reported in this press release are merely accusations and the defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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