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MEDIA RELEASE

DATE: 03/02/09

INCIDENT: FINANCIAL FRAUD

LOCATION: BOONE COUNTY

CASE NUMBER: N/A

DETAILS;

The Boone County Sheriff's Department is reminding citizens to be on the alert for criminals attempting to commit financial fraud using the INTERNET, U.S. Postal Service or by unsolicited telephone calls.

In mid-February a citizen reported to sheriff's deputies receiving a letter with a check for \$4,875 from a Canadian based Lotto North American Sweepstakes Lottery. The intent of the scam was for the victim to deposit the check into their bank account and then wire a substantial amount of money to a Western Union or Moneygram location.

Invariably, the "prize" check bounces at the victim's bank who in turn is responsible for the amount of money wired which in this case would have been \$2,875. The Sheriff's Department receives similar reports on a frequent basis and last year responded to well over 100 incidents.

REMEMBER: THERE IS NO LEGITIMATE REASON WHY ANYONE WOULD GIVE YOU A CHECK OR MONEY ORDER AND ASK YOU TO SEND OR WIRE MONEY ANYWHERE IN RESPONSE!

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RELEASE BY: Detective Tom O'Sullivan