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Telephone Scams

The Redding Police Department has received information that at least one area resident has received a telephone call from a scammer who attempted to have them send money in order to share in lottery winnings. The scammer was extremely persistent and convincing, however was not able to get the would-be victim to send any money.

If you receive a phone call from someone who tells you that you have won a prize, sweepstakes, or lottery, but you must send in money to collect, even a five dollar processing fee; hang up. If they call back tell them that you have called the police and they would like to talk to them.

The Redding Police Department would like to remind people that it is illegal for a sweepstakes, prize contest, or lottery to ask you to send in any money to collect a prize. No legitimate contest will do so. Also, no legitimate company will ask for any of your checking, savings, or credit account information. Even if you are told it is to deposit money into your account do not give out this information.

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