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## News Release

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Sheriff Greg Champagne would like to remind citizens that there are several types of scams that criminals will use to steal your money. Please remember, if it seems too good to be true, it most likely is.

A recent scam has come upon the radar of law enforcement. The scammer, who may pose as an old friend or distant relative, contacts the victim with a business proposition. The scammer convinces the victim that they have an investment opportunity, leading the victim to believe that their invested money will be used to purchase something, and the money will be returned upon the completion of the transaction.

The scammer will then request the victim's banking information, such as account numbers, credit card information, or check numbers. They will claim that this is so they can make a deposit of the victim's "profit" after the transaction is completed.

Once the scammer has obtained the victim's banking information, they use this information to access the victim's account and remove all of the funds.

If you fall victim to any type of scam, contact the local authorities and report the incident. Notifying the Sheriff's Office will allow us to open an investigation into the matter and potentially may help prevent someone else from being victimized from these con-artist.