



The Red Boiling Springs Police Department is appealing to the public to be aware of scam artists who attempt to get confidential information and monies from unsuspecting victims.

It has come to the department's attention that these scam artists have been sending fake notices- via e-mails, cellular phones and other means- informing persons that they have won a lottery or sweepstake, promising large sums of money or prizes, and requesting personal and sometimes banking information as well as funds to cover taxes, charges and/or fees.

For example, one of the latest scams is as follows: The victim received a phone call stating she'd won the Publisher's Clearing House Sweepstakes. The caller advised her she needed to take a specified amount of money to a local store and put the specified amount on a pre paid debit card. The caller advised the victim that her prize would be deposited into her bank account. Once the money was on the card, the scammer requests the victim to give the card details over the phone.

The Red Boiling Springs Police Department advises that anyone who receives an unexpected e-mail, text message, or phone call requesting personal or financial information is advised against clicking on links or responding to requests in the e-mail or phone call. You should not provide any information or send any monies, particularly if you did not buy a lottery ticket or enter a contest. Persons who provide personal details, bank information or send monies could

become victims of financial fraud.

Please do not become a victim. Once the personal or financial information is given to the scammer, it is almost impossible to recover the monies. On receipt of any financial scam, contact your local law enforcement agency.