

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **BEWARE OF A NEW PHONE SCAM**

Ellettsville, IN (October 28, 2016): Deputy Chief Bowlen received information today about a phone scam in which the complainant has been contacted on several occasions in the last few days by a person claiming to be the grandchild of the complainant. The "scammer" tells the person they call that they are their "grandson" or other family member and have been involved in an accident while out of town and had their nose damaged to explain the difference in their voice. They then go on to explain that the grandson or relative has been arrested for drunk driving and needs bail to be posted and asks for bank account or credit card information to make payment. As in other scams, the perpetrators could also ask for the potential victim to purchase gift cards to make payment with.

Please be advised not to give your bank or credit card information to anyone until you verify the identity of the person to whom you are speaking. Potential victims might be well served to ask some questions of the caller that only the supposed "grandson" or other family member would know the answers to.