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Criminals Impersonating Law Enforcement Officers Target Elderly Victims

The Tallahassee Police Department's Financial Crimes Unit is currently investigating an exploitation of the elderly by theft case. On December 5, 2009 two men claiming to be investigators approached a 93 year-old female at her home. As a means to defraud the elderly female, the men convinced her to get into their car and travel to her bank. Once at Envision Credit Union, 421 Appleyard Drive, the suspect vehicle pulled to the drive-thru and the elderly female withdrew an undisclosed amount of money and gave it to the men. The suspects then drove the female to her home.

On Monday December 7, 2009, the Leon County Sheriff's Office received a report of an 81 year-old female who had been robbed, with similar suspects involved. The victim reported at approximately 11:00am she purchased a money order from the Post Office located at 2800 South Adams Street. As she exited the Post Office an unknown suspect approached the victim, identified himself as a law enforcement officer and engaged in conversation with her explaining how the elderly are being exploited. As the suspect spoke with the victim in the parking lot, he offered to give her a ride to her next destination so that he could continue to explain his investigation. Once in the suspect's vehicle, the victim was met by another unknown suspect who was in the backseat.

When they arrived at the Winn-Dixie located at 100 Paul Russell Road, the suspect who identified himself as a law enforcement officer told the victim the money she was in possession of was counterfeit and he would exchange it for genuine currency. The suspect then gave the victim an envelope which she quickly realized contained only torn newspaper. It was at this point the second suspect grabbed the victim's money and both suspects fled the area. The victim was not injured.

Suspect #1 – (Identified himself as a law enforcement officer) Described as a light-skin black male, approximately in his early 40's, low hair cut, 140lbs, and wearing a light green dress suit.

Suspect #2 - Described as a light skin black male, approximately in his early 40's, low hair cut, 160lbs, wearing a white shirt with unknown color tie.

Suspect Vehicle – Royal blue four-door sedan

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The Tallahassee Police Department and Leon County Sheriff's Office ask anybody that may recognize the person pictured above or has any information about these crimes to contact the Leon County Sheriff's Office at (850) 922-3300, the Tallahassee Police Department at (850) 891-4200 or Crime Stoppers at (850) 574-TIPS (8477). Remember, Crime Stoppers does not want your name, just your information. You could be eligible for a reward of up to \$1000.

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