



Bay Village Press Release

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On December 8, at 10:53am Bay Village Police were dispatched to a Bar Harbor residence on report of a Fraud. Police arrived and the victim told police that she had received a text with an offer to make money. She would do this by “wrapping” her car in advertising. The victim agreed to this arrangement and was sent a check for \$2,600. After the check had arrived, the sender asked her to send two - \$1,000 money orders to other individuals. The victim then realized this was a scam but had already deposited the original check. She did not, however, send out the two money orders. The victim called her bank to let them know about the fraud. Her bank charged her a \$10 processing fee but luckily she is not out any more money. The case was sent to the Bay Village Detective Bureau for follow up.

On December 9, at 1:05pm, Bay Village Police were contacted by a Juneway Drive resident who reported she was the victim of a scam. Police spoke with the victim who stated that she was contacted by a collection’s agency in regards to a loan in her name that was in default. The agent told the victim that the loan was for \$965 and was taken out in 2018 at a “Check and Go.” Further, the agent told the victim that they had used her maiden name, date of birth and part of her social security number. Bay Village Detectives are investigating.

On December 9, at 5:06pm, Bay Village Police were notified about an attempted fraud involving an elderly female. The complainant, who is the son of the victim, told police that his mother received a call with a woman crying and impersonating her granddaughter. The fraudster stated that she needed \$15,000 to stay out of jail. The elderly female then went to her local bank to draw out the money but

the bank refused her request. When the scam artist called back, the victim's son answered and they dropped the line. Luckily the victim is not out any money or information.

On December 11, at 3:06pm, Bay Village Police responded to the lobby to speak with the victim of a fraud. Police spoke with the female who stated that she had responded to a "Craigslist" ad for a house for rent in Cleveland. The victim sent the scammer \$2800 for a down payment and three month's rent. The victim never received the keys to the residence and has not heard from the perpetrator since. Bay Village Detectives are investigating.

On December 14, at 2:42am, Bay Village Police received a 911 call from a Forestview Rd resident reporting that his unlocked vehicle had been entered. Further, the victim could see three individuals wearing dark clothing walking away from his property. Police arrived and the three males fled on foot into surrounding yards. Officers from Bay, Westlake, North Olmsted and Rocky River (including their canine unit) combed the area. Eventually, officers found a male, an 18 year-old Maple Heights resident, hiding nearby in a backyard where was placed under arrest. A short time later, the Rocky River canine unit tracked and found another male, a 19 year-old Cleveland resident, hiding in a garage behind a home on Columbia Road. He too was placed under arrest. The third suspect was able to elude officers and an investigation is pending. The two males were charged with Obstruction, Criminal Trespass and Attempt. Both males are facing charges in Rocky River Municipal Court.