## NEW SCAM: BEWARE SCAM ALEART

*“I fell for this phone scam”*: true story from long time member Maureen Nolan, LPC, NACC, MCC

If you like to reach her, please let us know.

The short story is I was robbed/scammed of 5k last week. Later, I discovered that the thief found my information on and contacted me through Psychology Today.

The longer story (with some details left out) is that the thief knew that I was an expert witness scheduled to appear at a trial on a specific day…and then proceeded to create the threatening scenario posing as a detective/officer in the sheriff’s office contacting me with an outstanding warrant for my arrest.

The only way for me to be safe and to not be arrested was for me to take out the money and send it to Dept of the Treasury on money cards and which I was directed to share the code and numbers giving him immediate access to my money.

I then was directed to send the cards in an envelope including the receipts to the Dept of the Treasury. I was guaranteed that as soon as it was processed, I would receive a full reimbursement and the warrant would be lifted.

Throughout the day, I was in non-stop phone contact with the culprit, thus assuring I wouldn’t make a phone call to my trusted friends about what was going on.

The reason the scam worked was because I have been under extreme emotional stress with my boyfriend in stage 4 pancreatic cancer.

I was not thinking clearly and under the pressure of leaving town.

I am ashamed/traumatized and out of my hard-earned money.

Please share this story with your office/colleagues.

I am a crime victim but I am the bearer of news that could save you from a similar theft.

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