

Scam artists ripoff older Douglas County residents

Two Douglas County residents lost money in a gift card scam.

According to Douglas County sheriff's investigators, a resident received a phone call from someone claiming to be from Apple who said the victim's computer had been compromised. The caller ID also said Apple Inc. so the resident didn't question the call. The caller claimed to have fixed the computer remotely. The suspect then asked the victim to purchase a protection plan by buying \$400 in iTunes gift cards.

In the second case, a Douglas County resident received a phone call from a caller claiming to be a grandson, and then later a call from a man who claimed to be the attorney for the grandson who was handling his arrest for driving under the influence. The caller wanted and received \$2,500 in WalMart gift cards for handling the incident.

Both victims were older, which is normal in these sorts of cases, according to the FBI. Seniors are perceived to have more money, are more trusting and have memory problems.

DCSO tells people to never answer personal questions, never tell a stranger bank information, Social Security information, or Medicare numbers.

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