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### **CITIZENS WARNED OF TELEPHONE SCAM**

The Pocatello Police Department is warning citizens about a new telephone scam. The caller is telling people that they have won \$2.5 million and a new Mercedes sports car.

In order to claim the prizes, victims are instructed to go to Wal-Mart, purchase a money card and to put \$500 on the card. Victims then need to call the suspect back with the information on the card in order for the suspect to tell the victims how to obtain their winnings. Unfortunately, the caller takes the \$500 and victims receive nothing.

“This is just a new twist on an old scam,” states Detective Sergeant Ian Nelson. “Please don’t fall victim to this.” The Police Department suggests that citizens take a moment to register all telephone numbers on the National Do Not Call Registry at 1-888-382-1222 or on-line at [www.donotcall.gov](http://www.donotcall.gov).

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