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The Plainfield Police Department is seeking the assistance of the news media and public with the following incidents. Over the last several days the Police Department has received several complaints regarding scams.

The most common complaint is received via telephone, with the caller indicating a person has won a lottery or vehicle. These victims are frequently instructed to wire money to secure the prize or winnings. Our investigations in these latest complaints revealed that the caller identified himself as "Bobby Roy". These calls originated from a cellular phone from Kingston, Jamaica.

In one report filed, a homeowner was approached by a heavysset male operating a van with a taxi sign on the roof. The driver approached the homeowner and told the female occupant that their spouse was in trouble and that he was there to give her a ride. A cell phone was then handed to the intended victim. A male subject on the phone (described as having a foreign accent) then told her the taxi was there to take her to Wal-Mart where she could send \$ 3,000.00 to help her spouse. When she refused to go with the driver, the driver became angry and demanded money. When it became clear the homeowner was not going to cooperate, the subject left.

The Plainfield Police Department offers the following advice:

- *IF YOU BELIEVE YOU HAVE BEEN A VICTIM PLEASE CONTACT YOUR LOCAL POLICE AGENCY.*
- PLEASE BE CAUTIOUS. IF IT SOUNDS TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE, IT PROBABLY IS.
- DON'T GIVE ANY PERSONAL INFORMATION OVER THE PHONE. EXPLAIN THAT YOU WILL CALL THEM BACK, OBTAIN THEIR INFORMATION AND CHECK WITH LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

Anyone with information regarding these events, please contact the Plainfield Police Department at 603-643-2222.

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