

Press Release:

Plainfield Police are investigating additional fraud scams that are taking place in the Valley.

- 1.) Involves a purchase of a vehicle over the internet. This involved the victim seeing a vehicle on internet at Yahoo Auto Express. The victim is explained to send the money through Wal-Mart money grams. Once the money was sent the vehicle never arrives. The scam is becoming more elaborate in that they will send emails from "Yahoo! Autos so you can actually track the shipping, giving them more time to get away from the transaction.
- 2.) The second case involved a telephone call to a senior family member. The calling identifies themselves as niece or nephew that hasn't been seen in a long time. The person explains that they are in trouble and need money sent to them at the border for duty fees. The money gets sent via Wal-Mart Money Grams to Canada and it is later determined that the crises never existed and the money is gone.

In both cases the callers told their victims not to tell Wal-Mart about the transaction because they didn't want anyone to know their business and one incident told them that Wal-Mart would attach fees for Commercial Transactions.