

Scam Arrest – August 15, 2014



On July 14, 2014, a senior citizen was approached in Wall Mart by someone pretending to be a family member of his wife. The individual gave specific information that lead the potential victim to believe he was sincere, and then proceeded to ask for money to repair his car. Based on this belief the victim gave the suspect 50.00. The victim determined later that afternoon that this individual who approached him was not his wife's relative, therefore, he contacted OPD.

OPD investigators began an investigation and was able to determine the suspect to be 33 year old Frank LaHaye, of 235 7th Avenue Krotz Sprigs, LA. Lahaye was picked up yesterday in Port Barre by PBPD.

OPD investigators later interviewed LaHaye and a short time later he confessed to the crime. LaHaye is presently in the OPD jail charged with Thefts of Assets from an Aged Person. I caution seniors to be aware of being approached by strangers; your kind nature often makes you a target.

This coming Wednesday Aug 20th will be our Elderly Awareness Program where we discuss scams such as this as well as provide valuable information regarding medicare and health related issues. Please join me along with several speakers as well as entertainment by Geno Delafousse and French Rocking Boogie at the Opel Civic Center 9am - 1pm.