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# **FLORISSANT POLICE**

## **PHONE SCAM ALERT!**

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A Florissant resident notified the department of a phone scam today. He received a call from someone who said they were with the Publisher's Clearing House and he was the winner of a brand new Mercedes.

### **HERE'S THE CATCH.**

All he had to do was send them \$1,500, preferable in pre-paid store credit cards.

Beware if you receive a similar call or letter in the mail. Look for these signs that indicate it's a scam:

- A phone call notifying you that you've won a drawing/lottery you've never entered.
- A request to wire/send money to claim your prize.
- A letter postmarked out of the U.S.A.
- An enclosed check you are to cash and then **WIRE** the money back to cover the taxes for your winnings. This is a sure sign a scam is in effect.
- The letter is generic; your name is not listed on the letter.

**Please remember:**

**IF IT SOUNDS TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE –  
IT USUALLY IS!"**