



PAULDING COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

SHERIFF GARY GULLEDGE
247 INDUSTRIAL WAY N
DALLAS, GA 30132

OFFICE (770)443-3010
JAIL (770)443-3030
FAX (770)443-3014

Media Contact: Corporal Ashley Henson
770-505-5535 Office
678-247-3903 Cell
678-224-4799 Fax
ashley.henson@paulding.gov
www.paulding.gov/sheriff

Date: 10/31/14

To: Metro Atlanta Media

For Immediate Release

Elderly Money Scam Alert

(Paulding County, GA) On October 28, 2014 an unidentified male and female suspect reportedly scammed an elderly Paulding County resident out of a large sum of money by posing as police officers who were conducting some type of undercover operation. The female victim, who was targeted several months prior in a similar manner, was targeted again by similar individuals. The victim did not report the initial incident to law enforcement due to embarrassment.

The individuals involved during this latest scam were identified as a black male and a black female. Both suspects were dressed in business attire and had gold badges on their belts. The suspects came to the victim's residence and told her they knew she was scammed a few months ago and they needed her assistance to catch the persons responsible. The suspects were driving a black in color Kia sedan.

The suspects then drove the victim to the SunTrust bank inside the Publix at Lost Mountain which is inside Cobb County. The victim was instructed to withdraw a large sum of money from the bank. The suspects explained that the teller was involved in the initial scam and they would arrest her once the withdrawal was made. The suspects further advised that another "Agent" would be inside the bank when she went in to make the transaction.

A third subject, a black male wearing business attire (who can be seen in the attached photograph), did in fact follow the victim into the bank and witness the transaction. The victim saw the third "Agent" in the bank but did not have a conversation with him. Once the transaction had been made, the two suspects promised to pay the victim a \$10,000 reward for her assistance. The victim withdrew the money and gave it to the subjects and they subsequently took her back home promising the reward money would be delivered



PAULDING COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

SHERIFF GARY GULLEDGE
247 INDUSTRIAL WAY N
DALLAS, GA 30132

OFFICE (770)443-3010
JAIL (770)443-3030
FAX (770)443-3014

to her within 45 minutes. The suspects never returned and the victim ultimately had a large sum of money taken from her.

If you have been a victim of a similar scam, please do not let embarrassment prevent you from contacting law enforcement to report the crime. Furthermore, if you suspect someone may be trying to scam you, call your local law enforcement agency immediately and make a report of the incident. If anyone recognizes the individual in the photograph or has information about these subjects, please contact the Paulding County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Division at (770) 443-3015.

-30-

