

LOCAL SCAM – “BAIL EM OUT”

A local O’Brien County resident was recently scammed involving a “family member allegedly who was in trouble with the police and needed money to get out of it”.

Here is how the scam worked: The resident received a phone call from a male caller and the voice asked “grandma” of which the resident replied with what she believed to be the caller’s grandson. The “grandson” then said he and another friend got into trouble in Canada and needed \$3,000 cash to get out of it. The caller then said to get the needed cash to a Wal-Mart and get a money-gram of which she did. The money was sent and later the “grandma” determined, after calling her grandson, found the grandson had not been in trouble. By the time they tried to stop the money transfer it had already been done.