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On April 25, 2018 the Sheldon Police Department was called to a Fed Ex mailing point in Sheldon. Federal Express had discovered that an elderly woman from Paullina was attempting to mail a large amount of cash to a location in New York. The Sheldon Officer received \$8,000 cash.

O'Brien County Sheriff's Officers interviewed the woman sending the cash. She had received a phone call from someone saying he was her grandson and that he had been involved in a traffic accident. A second call was made to the woman and said he was her grandson's attorney and needed \$8,000 cash mailed to him for the grandson's defense.

The money recovered April 25, 2018 will be returned to the woman. Officers learned that the money recovered April 25, 2018 was not the first time this had occurred. On April 23, 2018 the victim had sent \$8,000 to the same address in New York. O'Brien County Sheriff, Allen Schuknecht warns that the Grandparent scam is one of the money scams that thieves use to extort money from people. The callers are very convincing and often instructed to tell no one. If you receive any calls asking you to send cash or gift cards, call law enforcement immediately. We will assist you from becoming a victim.