

Mason City Police Department

PRESS RELEASE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Re: Scam

On August 8, 2019, the Mason City Police Department was dispatched to speak with a citizen who received a phone call from someone claiming to be from the Publisher's Clearing House telling they have won a prize of \$125,000.00. In order to claim the prize, they needed to send several gift cards of \$500.00 when they arrived to delivered the prize.

This is scam and the police department would like people to be aware of this and be very suspicious of unsolicited of calls of this nature.

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"AN ARREST WITHOUT DISPOSITION IS NOT AN INDICATION OF GUILT"

**Citizens with information about a crime are encouraged to call
CrimeStoppers at 1-800-383-0088. Rewards are available.**