

# ALERT TO AMICA™ RESIDENTS AND ALL SENIORS

## ~ For your Protection ~

### **Beware of current scams targeting Seniors, regarding their Grandchildren**

Amica Mature Lifestyles wants to ensure the safety and security of our residents at all times. To that end, we want you to be aware of current scams taking place and have communicated this information to all staff, management group and residents of our Amica communities.

### **Please pass this information along to anyone you can, in order to protect yourself and family from being a victim.**

Amica is not the only target of these scammers, other retirement communities and independent living seniors across the country have been targeted as well.

### **The workings of the scam are as follows:**

A scammer uses the internet information services to obtain the names and phone numbers of seniors living in a retirement community.

They then, using a person, male or female with a young voice, place a call to one of the residents with the opening comment along the line of; *"Hello Grandma/Granny/Omah etc., Do you know who this is"?*

The senior receiving the call believe that they recognize the voice as a Niece or Nephew and freely provides a name such as; *"Is that you Jane?"* to which the reply is:

*"Yes and I am in so much trouble Granny, please don't tell my parents, but I am in jail, I'm arrested for Impaired driving, (or other similar charge), I really need your help, I'm so embarrassed I don't know what to do (this is usually followed by some crying and sobbing). Please help me, I have my lawyer here with me and he needs you to send some money so I can get out of jail and have him represent me in court."*

The phone is then passed to a male posing as the lawyer and he proceeds to describe his fee and bail requirements (usually in the \$4,000.00 to \$5,000.00 range). He then describes how and where the money is to be sent, also that time is of the essence and is critical and must happen within the next few hours otherwise he can not go to court to represent his now client, their Grandchild, or get them out of jail.

### **What to do if you receive a call similar to the above "script":**

If an Amica resident or senior residing elsewhere receives a call from anyone asking them to send money because of being arrested, in trouble etc. **Do Not Send Money.** Immediately contact the General Manager or Assistant General Manager and if they are not available to tell the Concierge as all of them are aware of the scam. Never send money to anyone unless they first contact a known family member to determine if the request is a legitimate one. It takes very little time to ensure the call is legitimate.

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