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**Public Safety Advisory: *Wire Transfer Scam***

*Oakland, CA* — The Oakland Police Department would like to make the public aware of several reports of wire transfer scams.

The victims are being lured typically by a fraudulent email account from suspect(s) posing as someone known to the victim. The suspect(s), assume they will be trusted by the victim and will then request money to be wire transferred to an account.

*Often the suspect(s) rely on the relationship with the victim so that they will transfer money without questions and verification.*

The Oakland Police Department is asking for the public to use caution anytime someone is requesting money, particularly via the internet.

**Safety Tips**

- Do not transfer any money without absolutely verifying that the requestor is known to you.
- Do NOT provide your account number
- Do not agree to meet in a secluded or residential area. Highly populated and well-traveled areas are better.
- Do not travel to any location with a large amount of cash.
- If someone or something looks suspicious, leave.

Anyone with information about the asked to contact the Oakland Police Department's Criminal Investigative Division Section at (510) 238-3728.

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