



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – BEWARE OF SCAMS**

**[Lancaster, Ohio, March 11, 2011]** Fairfield County Sheriff Dave Phalen advises that the Sheriff's Office has been made aware, by complaints filed by citizens, that a telephone scam is alive again and preying on the citizens of Fairfield County. Sheriff Phalen notes that if a resident receives a phone call advising them that they have won a lottery or some sort of prize, they should attempt to acquire the phone number of the caller if available, and then disconnect the call by hanging up.

Equal scams are also out on the Internet. If e-mails are received advising similar information as described in the telephone scam, delete the e-mail and attempt to block the sender. Normally, "spam mail" settings send these type messages to the "junk" file.

"At no time should a resident send any money to obtain winnings to anyone or any entity. The age old adage applies, 'If it is too good to be true, then it probably is'," said Sheriff Phalen.