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MEDIA RELEASE

Date of Incident	04-13-11	Incident #	11-16594
Time of Incident	12:17 P.M.	Incident Type	Fraud
Incident Location	Talon Ct., Sewell, NJ 08080		
Investigating Officer(s)	DSG. Richard Sumek and Ofc. Joseph DiBuonaventura		
Other Involved Agencies	N/A		
Media Release Approved By	Captain Richard Leonard #69		

Incident Narrative

On 4-13-11, this agency was advised by a resident on Talon Ct., Sewell, New Jersey that they had just received a telephone call from an unknown suspect demanding money. The suspect advised the resident in the telephone call that their son who is away at college, was being held against his will and demanded that \$2000.00 be wired for his release. The suspect gave details to the resident, which indicated that this was not a hoax and that their son was really in danger. The resident responded to the CVS Store on Egg Harbor Rd., Sewell, NJ to begin wiring the money to the suspect. The resident notified a friend who in turn contacted the Washington Township Police Department Investigative Division. Detectives and officers responded to the CVS to meet with him. The resident was able to make contact with his son who indicated that he was never abducted or held against his will. The electronic transfer of money to the suspect was able to be stopped prior to the transaction being completed.

This investigation is currently on-going but residents are warned to be cautious of these types of scams. It appears that information may have been obtained from a Facebook account, which provided the suspect with credible information about the son making their story believable to the victim. Suspects will often utilize social network sites to gain information for these types of frauds and scams in an effort to fool the unsuspecting victims.

Subject 1

Name		Age	
Address			
Vehicle (if applicable)	N/A		
Injuries (if applicable)			
Charges	N/A	Arrest (Yes/No)	

Subject 2

Name		Age	
Address			
Vehicle (if applicable)			
Injuries (if applicable)			
Charges		Arrest (Yes/No)	