Elderly Phone Scam Alert

⇒ On June 7, 2017 - a male pretending to be the victim's grandson, called her to notify her that he was in jail and he needed her to send him $4,000 to get out of jail.
   - On that day the victim went to Wal Mart and purchased $4,000 in gift cards; she provided the subject with the gift card numbers.
   - The subject then requested her to open a new bank account to transfer money into the account for legal fees. The victim eventually noticed $10,000 missing from her account.
   - Total Loss: $14,000

⇒ On June 23, 2017 the victim received a phone call from a male subject who represented himself as a “Malware Protection Agent.”
   - Suspect told the victim she is receiving a $250 rebate and requested the victim’s bank info.
   - The victim talked to the male several times between July 23 - 28. On July 28th, she noticed $20,000 missing from her bank account.

Please be aware of scams similar to this. These are common scams performed telephonically; the subject will often request gift cards or attempt to get your bank account information. If it seems too good to be true or if you are suspicious for any reason, hang up call the Redondo Beach Police Department non-emergency number at 310-379-5411.