



**Bureau of Detectives – Area Central**

# **Community Alert**



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## **Financial Scams Targeting the Chinese Community**

### **About the Crime:**

Offenders are creative in their methods and can leave victims with little or no money. Offenders target the victims over the phone and use internet technology to disguise the number to appear as the Chicago Chinese Consulate's Office, when in fact many of these calls are coming from overseas.

The most recent scam is a call that appears to be from the Chicago Chinese Consulate's Office. The caller will accuse the victim of being involved in criminal activity and request that they provide personal information to avoid being in trouble with the Chinese Consulate. The offender will then instruct the victim to wire all of their money to a bank in Hong Kong to prove their innocence.

**The Chinese Consulate will never call and ask you to transfer money.**

### **Incident Times and Locations:**

- 5400 block of S. Hyde Park Blvd., March 27, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.
- 2700 block of S. Princeton Ave., March 28, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.
- 5000 block of S. Lake Shore Dr., May 3, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.

### **For more information about these incidents:**

<http://www.chinaconsulatechicago.org/eng>

<https://www.ftc.gov>

### **What you can do:**

- If you believe you might have been a victim of a scam, contact the Chinese Consulate General in Chicago at (312) 780-0170.
- Call 911 and report as much information as possible.
- Never give out credit card or bank information to anyone you do not know.
- Contact your bank or credit card company immediately to cancel payments or freeze accounts.

**If you have any information, contact the  
Bureau of Detectives – Area Central  
(312) 747-8382**

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