

MOUNT PROSPECT POLICE DEPARTMENT

112 E. Northwest Highway, Mount Prospect, Illinois 60056



Michael Semkiu
Chief of Police

Crime Prevention
(847) 870-5650
Fax: (847) 392-1070

February 18, 2014

For Immediate Release

Contact: Officer Greg Sill
(847) 870-5656

PRESS RELEASE

MOUNT PROSPECT POLICE SEEK ASSISTANCE IN IDENTIFYING OFFENDER IN SCAM



The Mount Prospect Police is asking for the public's help in identifying an offender involved in the theft and scam of an 82 year old Mount Prospect woman. On October 10, 2013, the female offender (pictured above) approached the victim outside the Aldi grocery store, located at 730 East Rand Road, and started a conversation. The above female offender and a second male offender convinced the victim they had a winning lottery ticket and would split the money from the winning ticket worth \$650,000.00, with the victim. The offenders requested the victim provide money to help pay the taxes on the winnings. The victim withdrew a large sum of money from her bank and gave it to the offenders. The offenders left the area and never gave the victim any money.

The Mount Prospect Police Department continues to investigate this incident and anyone with information regarding this crime is asked to call the Mount Prospect Police Department's Investigations Section at 847-870-5654. Anonymous tips can be made to Crime Stoppers of Mount Prospect by calling 847-590-7867 or texting MPPD and your tip to 274637. Tips made through Crime Stoppers of Mount Prospect that lead to the arrest and prosecution of the offenders could be eligible for a cash reward of up to \$1,000.

The Mount Prospect Police Department's Crime Prevention Unit would like to take this opportunity to remind residents of some tips to avoid becoming the victim of a scam. Remember if the deal sounds "too good to be true", it most likely is. Never give money to anyone who approaches you with promises to share even more money with you, this is a scam.

#~#~#