



## Economic Crimes

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**Fraud-Scam Alert**

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### International Lottery Scam

Arlington police warn about an e-mail scam claiming that the recipient of the e-mail is the winner of an international lottery with a \$1 million dollar payout.

#### Basic Scam Information:

- E-mail states that the recipient was selected randomly based on their e-mail address
- Provides a fictitious ticket number and serial number for the ticket.
- Urged to contact the Mega Bonds Agency to claim their prize

#### What can happen:

- Trick individual into providing personal information such as full name, birth date, bank account information and social security numbers
- Potential hidden telephone charges can occur by calling the listed telephone number
- Victims could potentially be left with no recourse for these charges because they called the number in question

#### Avoid becoming a victim:

- Delete this e-mail without responding
- When you respond to any spam e-mail it provides the sender with the information that the e-mail address is valid and can result in additional scams being sent to your address