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Sheriff Brian Burnett reports on 03/16/2015 Deputy Paul Nelson responded to a theft/fraud complaint where an adult female reported sending \$17,500.00 in cash to a New York address, after receiving a telephone call notifying her she had won the Publishers Clearing House \$1,000,000.00 prize. The caller claimed the woman needed to send \$17,500.00 in cash for fees associated with the million dollar prize.

The package is initially returned by the carrier due to a problem with the delivery address. Due to the delay in delivery the woman is then instructed to send \$18,000.00 in cash to claim the prize.

Deputy Nelson worked with the carrier and tracked the overnight package. Deputy Nelson learned the package had been delivered within minutes of his phone call to the carrier. Deputy Nelson contacted the 113th Precinct in New York City. Deputy Nelson provided them with probable cause information, leading them to identify the suspect. A New York PD detective dressed as a delivery person, contacted the suspect to verify delivery of the package. The suspect verified receipt of the package and told the detective where the package was stored within his residence.

Based upon Deputy Nelson's investigation, and in cooperation with the New York Police Department a New York resident was arrested.

Thanks to Deputy Nelson's excellent work all of the money was recovered, and a criminal was identified and arrested.

Integrity ★ Teamwork ★ Excellence

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