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Office of Commissioner Brandon Presley MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION NORTHERN DISTRICT

Presley Alerts Public of "Grandchildren" Scam Targeting Elderly Mississippians

Nettleton, Mississippi (March 2, 2017) – Northern District Public Service Commissioner Brandon Presley wants consumers to be aware of a serious telephone scam which specifically targets the elderly.

Recently, constituents have reported receiving calls telling them that a grandchild has been involved in an accident or is in trouble and needed money sent. These situations can range from a car accident to needing money for bail.

Presley calls the scam outrageous. "These scammers are playing on the fears and emotion of grandparents in hopes that they can steal money from them. We are committed to working with the Federal Trade Commission in stopping this outrageous scam."

Presley advises that anyone receiving a phone call of this nature should report the call to the Federal Trade Commission at 877-382-4357. If you have more questions regarding this scam call the PSC at 1-800-637-7722.

