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North Fond du Lac Police are warning residents of a scam that comes in the way of a letter telling recipients that they have won an unclaimed cash prize. The scam is common and letters may include names and logos of well known businesses, organizations and sweepstakes. Still, residents must be cautious.

First a letter along with a check arrives in the mail. The letter explains that the recipient is the lucky winner of unclaimed prize money. The letter says the sole purpose of the check is to pay the applicable government taxes and processing fees on the big winnings. Of course, if the check is cashed, it turns out to be fraudulent and the victim is responsible for reimbursing the bank.

Sometimes, the victim is asked to call a long-distance telephone number and provide financial information over the phone to claim their prize. If the call is made, the victim may be talked into disclosing personal financial information, which allows the thief to empty the victim's financial accounts.

Police are advising everyone who receives such a letter to disregard it. 'If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.'