City of Madison Police Incident Reports

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Incident report for Case#2012-192174	
Incident Type	Fraud
Incident Date	07/10/2012 - 2:08 PM
Address	Lake Mendota Dr.
Victim	Female, age 84, Madison
Details	An 84-year old Madison woman contacted the MPD's Self Report Unit Tuesday wanting to report a phone scam. She received two calls Monday night. The first came at 9:00 p.m. When she answered, the person on the other end said "grandma?" She did not recognize the voice but thought it could be a neighbor's grandson. The caller said, indeed, that was who it was: her neighbor's grandson. He said he was in Los Angeles for a wedding and had gotten arrested for drunken driving. He did not wish to tell his parents or grandparents, but was in need of bail money. She asked how much. He said his attorney would call later. The phone rang again. It was now 11:00 p.m. The "attorney" indicated this was a case requiring relatively high cash bail: $9,200. The woman said she would not pat that much. Another voice came on the phone and said a lesser amount would be okay. She told the crooks she was sending no cash, and with that, she hung up. The next day she learned her neighbor’s grandson was in the neighborhood, not in some L.A. hoosegow in need of bail money. Armed with that knowledge she called police to report the scam.
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