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Community Policing

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Police Circular

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"Friends and Family Winning Notification" resurfaces

The Judiciary Police (PJ) received a report from a member of the public who had received a WhatsApp message from a "friend" claiming that the victim had won a prize of 2,000 dollars in a lottery event held at a 7-11 convenience store. The scammer requested the victim to provide a photo of their credit card and a one-time verification code to deposit the prize money into the victim's credit card. Since the profile picture is that of a friend, the victim complied with the request. The victim later received multiple text messages about credit card transactions on their mobile phone and realized they had been deceived. Thus, they sought assistance from the Judiciary Police.



Scammers frequently exploit mobile communication apps for fraud. The Judiciary Police Anti-Fraud Coordination Center urges citizens to remain vigilant and never give away bank card information, especially credit card numbers, security codes, and one-time verification codes. If family or friends request such information through the Internet or phone, they should verify the authenticity of the situation via phone calls. If there is any suspicion of scam, immediately call the Judiciary Police's Anti-Fraud Enquiry hotline at 8800 7777 or the crime report hotline at 993 for assistance.