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BEWARE:

THE SPIRITUAL BLESSING CON GAME

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THE SCAM UNFOLDS LIKE THIS:

The spiritual blessing con game is a scam that targets elderly women, primarily from the Chinese community. The perpetrators are typically Chinese women who approach potential victims on the street and engage them in conversation. The perpetrator will convince her victim that he or she is being followed by evil spirits and that bad luck or illness will befall the victim or members of his or her family. The con artist then tells her victim that she will help, but only if the victim brings all of her valuables (money and jewelry) to a meeting place where her belongings will be placed into a "good luck" bag for three days. Unfortunately, when the victim opens the bag she will discover that all of her money and jewelry have been removed and replaced with valueless items.

AVOID FALLING VICTIM TO THIS CRIME, PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING TIPS:

- Don't believe strangers who say they can remove bad luck or evil spirits.
- Don't hand your valuables over to strangers.
- Perpetrators are Mandarin or Cantonese speaking females 30 - 40 years of age, working in groups of three (3).
- If you are approached by such a person, or people, call 911 immediately!

If you have any information that may help the police regarding these incidents, please call Crime Stoppers @ 1-800-577-TIPS

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有關欺詐如下:

這種騙案大多目標是紐約市華裔社區的女長者。騙徒是一群華裔女子，在街上找到目標就趨前搭訕。騙徒聲稱受害人或者親友最近遭到厄運或者將患重病。騙徒說服可以為受害人或者親友解除厄運，但受害人必須將有加值的財物（錢和珠寶）交出來。騙徒帶受害人到一個地方將財物擺放在一個預先準備好的“福”袋內，騙徒叮囑受害人3天後才打開袋子。不幸的事，受害人3天後打開袋子，卻發現錢和珠寶已被騙走，內里只有一些毫無價值的物品。

警方勸告民眾不要上當，記得一些防止受騙之道

- 不要相信任何陌生人能為你消災解難
- 不要將財物交托給任何陌生人
- 涉案騙徒是講國/粵語的華裔女子，年齡在30至40歲之間，她們通常三五成群行騙
- 如果有類似的人接觸你，你應立即致電911報警

如果你有任何可以協助警方破案的線索，請致電紐約市報案專線1800-577-TIPS

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