

YOU CAN AVOID BECOMING A VICTIM OF FRAUD

Warning Signs

Sounds too good to be true

Promises of early release without intervention from the courts

Caller will not provide a return telephone number

Caller asks you to pay part or all of the cost of a program

Caller asks you to send money using Western Union, MoneyGram, Green Dot or any other form of electronic money transfer system.

Check It Out

Don't allow yourself to be pressured into making a hasty decision

Obtain a return telephone and call back once you have checked out the information being offered by the caller

Contact MDOC and ask questions about why you are being asked to send money before sending it

Never send money unless you can verify why you are being asked

Check out the caller to verify they are an employee of MDOC

Fraud Facts

MDOC will **never** ask you to pay for any type of treatment program (Alcohol and Drug, Pre-Release, Adult Basic Education etc.)

MDOC will **never** ask you to send money via Green Dot or Money Gram

All Western Union payments will be made to **MDOC, never** to an individual person



Never wire money to people you don't know

No individual employee can authorize the release of an inmate under any circumstance

Information regarding MDOC authorized fees and services can be obtained through the following link:

http://www.mdoc.state.ms.us/inmate_family_information.htm



If you receive any request to send money via Money Gram, Green Dot, or any other electronic transfer not mentioned on the MDOC web site, please contact:

**Mississippi Department
of Corrections
Corrections Investigation
Division**

723 North President Street
Jackson, MS 39202

601-359-5715 or

MDOC Main Switch Board
601-359-5600

