The University of Florida Police Department would like to warn the public about a frightening scam that has affected our community. There has been an ongoing identified scam in which person(s) unknown call an individual and tell him/her that they have a family member held hostage and if he/she sends money, the family member will be released unharmed. The University of Florida Police Department has received two reports of such incidents within the past month. This scam has been appearing for years and occurs across the globe.

So what can you do if you receive this call?

- Remain calm
- Do not provide any personal information
- Do not send money
- Call your relative
- Contact your local law enforcement agency