Unclaimed Probate Money - Palm Beach County Clerk reported that residents need to be on alert for a potential scam that appears to be targeting senior citizens.

At least two callers to the Clerk & Comptroller’s office said they were contacted by someone named Jose Suarez, who directed them to send him $250 through Western Union. Suarez told them that they were entitled to probate case money that he would get for them, if they paid him the $250.

When the victims called the Clerk’s office with case numbers Suarez had given them, it was discovered that the case numbers were invalid.

Thankfully, in these cases, the victims called the Clerk’s office rather than sending the money. If you think you’ve been the victim of a scam, you should contact your local law enforcement agency.

It’s important to remember: No one who works for the Clerk’s office will call you and ask you to wire money to them. Please be wary of anyone who calls and says you’re owed money, then demands payment up front to help you get that money. Chances are it’s a fraud.