

DECLARATION OF LOUISE PRECHT
PURSUANT TO 28 U.S.C. § 1746

I, Louise Precht, hereby declare as follows:

1. I am a United States citizen over sixty-five (65) years of age. I live in Swansea, Illinois. I lost approximately \$5000 to an individual fraudulently posing to be my grandson, Gregory Precht. I have personal knowledge of the facts stated in this declaration, and if called as a witness, I could and would competently testify to the facts stated herein.

2. On or about the morning of December 19, 2008, I received a telephone call from someone claiming to be my grandson, Gregory Precht. The caller began the telephone call by saying something to the effect of "Hi, Grandma" and I responded by saying "Hi, Honey." The caller sounded nearly identical to my grandson, so I did not consider that it could be someone else. The caller told me that he had gone up to Canada with a couple of guys and was now in a police station as a result of a car accident. I asked him if he had been drinking and he responded that he had not. He explained to me that he had hit a pole while driving and that he needed \$5000 to be able to get out of the police station and get back home to the United States. I responded by telling him that I did not know how to send that large of an amount of money to him in Canada. The caller then told me that I could use a MoneyGram outlet located in any local Wal-Mart to send him a money transfer in Canada. The grandson imposter also told me not to tell his wife that he was in jail and that he would explain the situation to her when he returned home.

3. The same day after I got off the telephone with the caller, I went to my local bank and withdrew approximately \$5000. Afterwards, I went to a local Wal-Mart that had a MoneyGram outlet inside. I used MoneyGram to send the \$5000 money transfer to the individual claiming to be my grandson in Canada.

4. I was not able to try to contact my actual grandson because he had recently completed a tour of duty in Iraq and I did not have his new telephone number yet. Thus, after I sent the \$5000 money transfer via MoneyGram, I was unable to contact my grandson to verify whether he had received the money and returned to the United States.

5. That same day, the caller claiming to be my grandson called again, and told me that he would need more money than he initially anticipated. He indicated to me that the pole that he had run into the day before had fallen over and damaged a nearby business. At this point, I became very suspicious of the individual. This did not seem like something that my grandson would do. Thus, I asked the caller, "What is your Grandpa's name?" The caller tried to avoid this question and he acted as if he had not heard it. When the caller stopped talking for a moment, I asked him again, "What is your Grandpa's name?" At this point I was certain that this was a fraud.

6. I did not send any more money to this caller and I had no further dealings with him. I was able to speak with my actual grandson shortly thereafter, and he was at least as furious as I was about this fraud perpetrated upon me.

I declare, under penalty of perjury, that the foregoing statement is true and correct.

Executed on May 8, 2009

Louise Precht
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