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Scammers Exploit the FTC Name for Sweepstakes

Telemarketers call consumers to state the FTC is supervising a sweepstake, or lottery. When the telemarketer calls the consumer's caller ID displays the name as The Federal Trade Commission's, which deceptively misleads the consumer to think they are talking to a government agency. In order to receive the prize the consumer needs to pay the taxes and insurance through a wire money, or send a check for an amount between \$1,000 and \$10,000.

For more information, please contact:

- Federal Trade Commission (FTC) at (216) 263-3435 or their website www.ftc.gov,
- Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) at (216) 522-1400 or their website <http://cleveland.fbi.gov>,
- Ohio Attorney General Office at (216) 787-3030 or their website www.ag.state.oh.us.