

Grandparent Scams:

“Scams targeting grandparents which involve claims that their grandchildren have been arrested are an increasingly common occurrence in Guatemala. Typically the caller will claim that the grandchild has been arrested in Guatemala and urgently needs bail money (about \$2,000). Before you send any money, please contact your grandchild (who most likely is not in Guatemala and never has been) or the child’s parents to make sure you are not being scammed. If in doubt, call the U.S. Embassy at 011-(502) 2326-4501. Do not call the number the callers give you, as it will only help them reinforce the scam by having fictitious embassy officials answer the phone.”