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On July 29, 2025, the Allen County Sheriff's Office Detective Bureau, in a joint effort with the FBI, conducted a sting operation in regards to an on-going investigation of an online scam where the victim had been defrauded out of US currency. During the operation, Xianchun Li was apprehended and taken into custody. Mr. Li was booked into the Allen County Jail for attempted theft of a protected person. Additional charges are likely. This investigation is ongoing. Anyone with any information should reach out to Detective Mitchell Scott at 419-993-1431.

A message from Sheriff Treglia:

In today's digital world, it's more important than ever to stay vigilant against online scams. We urge you to take precautions when using the internet and to be especially cautious when sharing any personal information, sending money, or purchasing gift cards for individuals you've only met online.

If you have elderly friends or family members, please take a moment to speak with them about online safety. Scammers often target older adults, and these crimes can be emotionally and financially devastating.

Remember:

- If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.
- If you didn't enter a contest, you didn't win a prize—do not send money to claim it.
- Never send money, gift cards, or personal information to someone you don't know.
- If you're considering investing in bitcoin or other digital assets, always consult with a trusted, reputable financial advisor and do your research thoroughly.

Unfortunately, online scammers are difficult to track down and the money lost is often unrecoverable. That's why prevention is key.

If you ever feel unsure about a message or request you've received, or if you believe you may be a victim of an online scam, please don't hesitate to contact my office at 419-227-3535. We are here to help.

Stay safe and informed.

Thank you,

Matthew B. Treglia
Sheriff, Allen County