

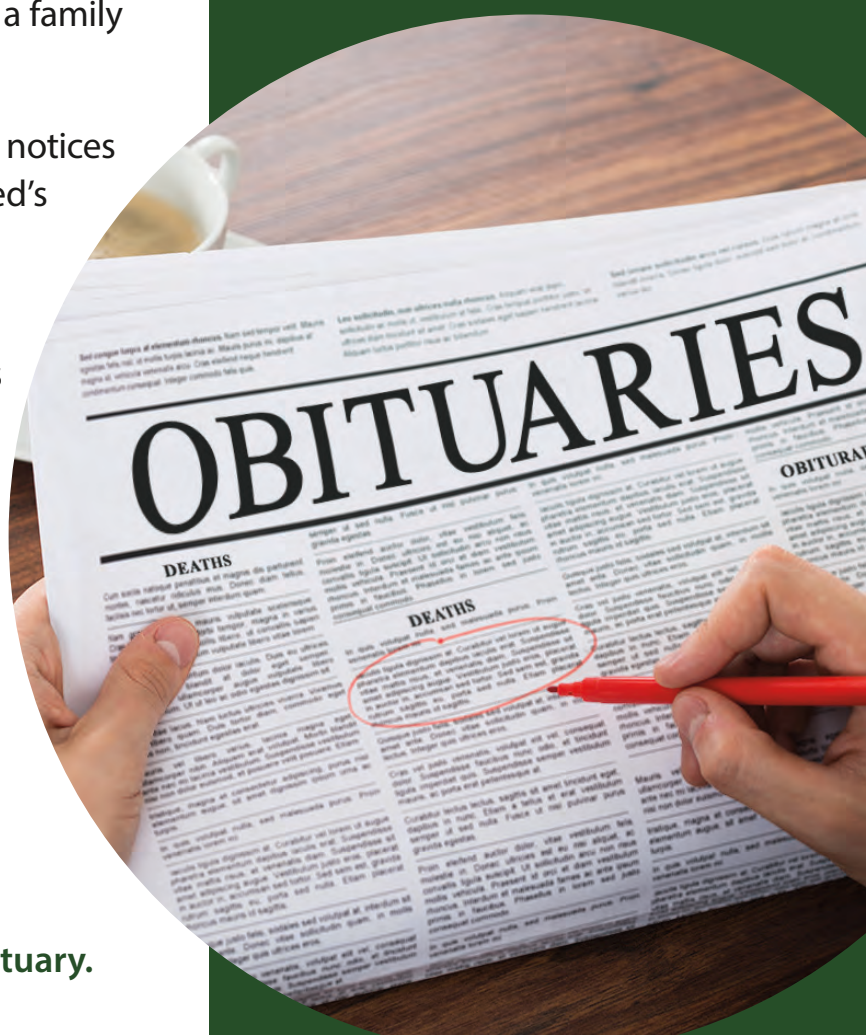


# Obituary Scam

Coping with a death is difficult enough and made even worse when criminals try to exploit a family member's grief.

In the Obituary Scam, thieves scan death notices in local news outlets and call the deceased's relatives, demanding money to pay off a purported unpaid debt.

Crooks also target widows and widowers by posing as messengers and delivering items to their doorstep, claiming their late husband or wife made the purchase before he or she died. They then demand immediate payment.



## HELPFUL TIPS

- Put only necessary details in the obituary.
- Hang up on unsolicited calls.
- Do not accept any unknown items from messengers.

If you or someone you know has been the victim of a scam, please contact your local law enforcement agency.

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