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You get an email saying you may have won thousands of dollars - but to claim your prize, you have to send money – maybe for taxes or maybe for fees. Winning any amount of money may sound promising, but emails like this are a trick. Do yourself a favor and save some money, too. Never wire money to pay for a prize. If you have to pay, that's a purchase, not a prize. Find out how to protect your cash at OnGuardOnline.gov, the federal government's one-stop shop for computer security. That's OnGuardOnline dot g-o-v.