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NEWS RELEASE

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CONWAY POLICE WARN RESIDENTS OF SCAM

Conway, SC (May 17th, 2016) – Conway Police have received information regarding a current scam involving people calling residents and posing as a Conway Police Detective. The caller demands immediate payment of money or they will be arrested and warrants issued. They may ask for the money to be wired/transferred to an account immediately.

Please remember the police department would never conduct business in this manner and if you receive any calls like this always call the police department to verify the call you received.

Unfortunately, these phone, mail, and e-mail scams are occurring more often with the caller/scanner using more creative and varying stories to obtain monies under false pretenses. While it would be impossible to warn the public of every scenario that a scammer may use, we can conclusively advise you that reputable businesses and organizations are not going to contact you and request your personal information. Remember, do not trust a number the caller may provide you to verify the information. Research the number yourself and contact that organization to verify the information provided by the caller, since scammers have the ability to generate multiple numbers that may be displayed on your caller ID.

The public is encouraged to visit the following websites to stay updated on scams and/or to report any scam that may be received. You can sign up for to receive scam alerts:

Better Business Bureau

<http://www.bbb.org/myrtle-beach/get-consumer-help/scam-source/>

Federal Trade Commission (FTC)

<http://www.ftc.gov/>

You can also report these scams on the above websites to help educate others on current scams going on across the country.

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