

BEWARE OF SCAM CALLS

A nationwide PHONE SCAM is targeting registered sex offenders in New Hampshire.

The Concord Police Department reports that individuals on the New Hampshire Sex Offender Registry are receiving phone calls from persons claiming to be Officers or Detectives with the Concord Police Department.

THE CALLER IS NOT EMPLOYED BY THE CONCORD POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Here's how this scam works:

- The caller says the Sex Offender is wanted on a Failure to Appear Warrant for failure to provide a second DNA test.
- The caller says a notice was mailed in reference to the second DNA test.
- The caller tells the Sex Offender that they must pay a certain amount of money for the warrant to be dismissed.
- The caller may offer to help the target avoid arrest by paying them – the scammer – a fee in cash, or by using a prepaid money card or gift card.
- The caller may ask for personal information (a social security number or bank account number). Sometimes, they ask the target to meet them at the Police Department to pay the fee that will keep them from being arrested.

THIS IS A SCAM.

The Concord Police Department will never contact anyone by telephone and ask for personal account information or payment of any kind to avoid arrest.

IF YOU RECEIVE A SCAM CALL, DO THIS ...

- **HANG UP.** Do not have a conversation with the caller.
- **CONTINUE TO HANG UP** if they call back.
- **DO NOT** give the caller ANY personal or banking information.
- **DO NOT** feel threatened or intimidated.