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Norfolk County Sheriff's Office Alerts Residents of Potential Scam

DEDHAM, MA – The Norfolk County Sheriff's Office alerted area residents today of a potential phone scam attempting to extort residents. In the scam, a caller identifies himself as an NCSO officer and demands money from the recipient of the call. The Norfolk County Sheriff's Office made it clear that it will never solicit funds from residents via phone or other methods.

"The constant onslaught of phone, mail, and internet scams can be pernicious, and it is common for scammers to impersonate law enforcement and other agencies in order to intimidate residents," said Sheriff Patrick McDermott. "It's important that everyone stay alert about potential scams, especially when contacted by someone claiming to be from a law enforcement agency or other official entity."

Phone scams frequently target vulnerable residents, such as the elderly, but the Norfolk County Sheriff's Office emphasized that anyone can be targeted and that everyone should be vigilant against potential scams. Two recent scams reported to the office involved one woman who was told she needed to go to the grocery store to obtain a money order, and a gentleman who received a voicemail telling him that he owed money and would be summoned to court if he did not pay it.

If residents receive a call that seems suspicious or unexpected, the NCSO reminds everyone that it's okay to hang up and call the agency where they said they are calling from back to confirm. Scammers can be insistent on keeping the targeted victim on the phone, which is often a sign of a scam.

To learn more about how to identify or avoid phone scams, the Sheriff's Office encourages people to visit the Federal Trade Commission's website at consumer.ftc.gov/articles/phone-scams.

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