



## PHONE SCAMS/FRAUD:

-HAVE YOU BEEN CONTACTED BY PHONE OR LEFT A VOICE MAIL ADVISING YOU OF ANY POSSIBLE PENDING LEGAL ACTIVITY AGAINST YOU? (BACK TAXES, UNPAID CREDIT CARD, ETC.)

-HAVE YOU BEEN REQUESTED TO CALL BACK AN OUT-STATE, LONG DISTANCE NUMBER REGARDING THIS MATTER? (WITH AREA CODES SUCH AS: 201, 202, 844, 909)

-HAVE THE PHONE CONNECTIONS BEEN BAD, THE PERSON CALLING IS HARD TO UNDERSTAND, WITH A LOT OF BACKGROUND NOISE?

-HAVE YOU BEEN THREATENED THAT THE LOCAL SHERIFF OR POLICE DEPT WILL BE COMING OUT TO ARREST YOU? OR AN ATTORNEY WILL COME TO DRAG YOU INTO COURT?

-HAVE YOU HAVE BEEN ASKED TO GIVE CREDIT CARD/DEBIT CARD/CHECKING ACCOUNT INFORMATION OR ASKED TO PURCHASE ANY LOADABLE MONEY CARDS (GREEN DOT MONEY PACK/WESTERN UNION/RUSHFORD CARDS) AND CALL BACK ONCE THEY ARE PURCHASED AND LOADED?

### **IF SO, SOMEONE MAY BE TRYING TO MAKE YOU A VICTIM OF AN INTERNET/PHONE SCAM!**

\*\*\*A FEW THINGS TO ASK YOURSELF BEFORE TAKING ANY FURTHER ACTION\*\*\*

1) DO YOU REALLY KNOW WHO YOU ARE DEALING WITH? OR WHO YOU ARE ABOUT TO SEND YOUR HARD EARNED MONEY TO?

2) HAVE THEY REPRESENTED THEMSELVES AS SOME SORT OF GOV'T AGENCY? (LIKE THE I.R.S./I.R.S. AUDIT DEPT, UNKNOWN LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY, OR ANY TYPE OF LAW FIRM)

3) IF/WHEN YOU DO ASK ANY QUESTIONS, DOES THE PERSON ON THE OTHER END GET ANGRY, THREATEN YOU FURTHER, TRY AND CHANGE THE SUBJECT OR HANG UP?

4) HAVE YOU REQUESTED ANY PAPERWORK BE MAILED TO YOU FIRST? HAVE YOU ASKED FOR A COMPLETE NAME/PHYSICAL ADDRESS FOR THE BUSINESS THAT IS ASKING FOR YOUR INFORMATION?

5) HAVE YOU GOOGLED THE PHONE NUMBER YOU ARE REQUESTED TO CALL BACK BEFORE DOING SO? (IF SO, YOU WILL PROBABLY FIND IT IS FLAGGED AS A PHONE AND/OR INTERNET SCAM RELATED NUMBER.)

6) HAVE YOU CALLED YOUR LOCAL POLICE DEPT AND INQUIRED ABOUT THE PHONE NUMBER AND/OR SITUATION YOU ARE REPORTEDLY INVOLVED IN?

**\*\*PLEASE CALL & SPEAK WITH A POLICE OFFICER FIRST...BEFORE YOU BECOME A VICTIM!\*\***

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