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Chatham County Police Department Warns Public About Phone Scam

In Some Instances, Calls Appear to Come from Police Department

Chatham County, GA (February 10, 2020) – The Chatham County Police Department is warning citizens about a phone scam that tries to trick people into giving out their Social Security number.

The calls are coming from what appear to be a variety of phone numbers that display on your Caller ID or cell phone. In at least one instance reported today, the call appeared to be coming from one of the Chatham County Police Department precincts.

The caller claims that the person answering the phone has warrants out for their arrest in Texas, and asks for a Social Security number to verify the person's identity. The caller also claims the person answering the phone must travel to Texas within 24 hours or be taken into custody. The caller then offers the victim the opportunity to pay money instead of traveling to Texas.

The Social Security Administration does not call citizens, and would never ask for money to be paid over the phone. The Chatham County Police Department also never calls anyone and asks for personal information or money over the phone.

If you receive one of these calls, hang up immediately and do not give out any personal information.

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