



# HALL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

## CRIME PREVENTION UNIT



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## SCAM ALERT

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**DATE:** September 9, 2009  
**TO:** Crime Prevention Program Participants  
**FROM:** Deputy Stephen Wilbanks  
**SUBJECT:** Long distance scams  
**DISTRIBUTION:** All members

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We recently received an email highlighting a telephone scam that is a few years old, but since it is a verified scam and emails about it are making the rounds again, it's not a bad idea to revisit the matter to clear up some misconceptions and erroneous information.

This is the "809" area code scam (although area codes 649 and 824 have also been reportedly used), whereby unwitting victims return phone calls after receiving messages about a sick relative, sweepstakes winnings, bill collections, or employment opportunities, only to find out later that they are billed excessive amounts for those calls from a foreign telephone provider.

Rather than unnecessarily repeating the good information that is available, please visit the links below for full details.

[AT&T 809 scam](#)

[Federal Communications Commission 809 scam](#)

[Snopes "809" scam](#)

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact

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