



HALL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

CRIME PREVENTION UNIT



CRIME PREVENTION TIP

DATE: November 20, 2009
SUBJECT: Jail-based telephone scams

A citizen belonging to one of our neighborhood watch groups recently sent the following information.

The potential victim received a call at 2:00 AM, asking for his credit card number. He ended the call but saved the number; it was: 404-969-1230.

A Google search will reveal numerous posts about this number with similar stories, most involving an automated number coming from the Dekalb County jail either requesting that you accept a collect call or provide a credit card number.

IF YOU RECEIVE ONE OF THESE CALLS, END THE CALL IMMEDIATELY.

Unfortunately this is not an uncommon scam; the bottom line is that you should never accept a collect call from any jail (unless of course, you're expecting the annual "Happy Thanksgiving" call from the dear old uncle who went astray years ago...). It should also go without saying that you should absolutely never give out your credit card information to an unsolicited caller.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact

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