

Press Release



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The Milford Police Department has received complaints regarding a phone fraud involving local Milford businesses.

The caller purports to be from a local electric utility provider, pressuring business representatives to provide payment to them regarding an outstanding account balance or their electrical service will be disconnected. The victim is told to purchase a reloadable debit card and then provide the scammer with the identification number off the rear of the card as the form of payment. Once this information is provided, it is very difficult to trace resulting in the victim suffering a financial loss.

Utility service providers, reloadable debit card services and money wiring businesses have information available on their websites regarding scams and how to protect yourself from becoming a victim to a fraudster.

- Police are encouraging anyone who receives phone calls, emails or mail similar in nature to avoid responding to the fraudster and report the information to their local police department.
- Do not provide any personal or business financial information to the fraudster.
- Be suspect of people requesting payment by way of reloadable debit cards or money wiring services.
- Verify the legitimacy of the contact with your service providers.

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