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“Scam Alert”

Westminster, Carroll County, Maryland; October 6th, 2017 ----- The Carroll County Sheriff's Office has been made aware of several fraudulent calls from scammers claiming to be members of our office.

In one instance, the scammer claimed to have paperwork for the complainant and needed to serve it. The complainant knew the call to be fake, and stated she would contact our office directly to verify. The caller told her to call back using the number off of the caller... id, which she found out was a phone number actually associated with our office. No requests were made during the course of the conversation, and it is not known what the caller was attempting to accomplish.

On October 4th, 2017, the Carroll County Sheriff's Office responded to at least three calls where the potential victims were contacted by a suspect claiming to be a Carroll County Sheriff's Office deputy. Using the actual name of one of our current deputies, they stated that a warrant had been issued, and immediate payment was required in order to avoid the arrest. None of the potential victims fell for the scam, and instead reported it to our Office.

The Carroll County Sheriff's Office will never call to request payment in the place of a warrant or summons. If you receive such a call and are concerned about the possibility of a warrant, please contact our office directly at 410-386-5900. Never attempt to call our office based on a number provided by a potential scammer.

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