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Press Release

To: Local Media

From: David J. Mack, Chief of Police

cc: File, City Manager Date: January 18, 2019

The police department has received multiple complaints and phone calls regarding concerns with their social security numbers being suspended or compromised. The calls are coming from a phone number of 360-515-7593 which is a TextNow number.

These phone calls do not appear to be valid and have been known to be part of a scam. The callers are stating that the social security numbers have been compromised and then they make attempts to ascertain the individual's social security number stating that they are trying to confirm the social security number.

The police department wants to remind everyone to never give their social security number or other personal information to anyone that calls you on the phone. If you are not confident of the identity of the caller, you should never give them your information.

Some common safety tips involving your social security number according to the the Social Security Administration is that you need to remember your social security number is private, ask how it will be used, or who it will be shared with and shred your mail. It is also recommended that you monitor your bank and credit cards carefully and look for any abnormalities.

Should you think that your identify has been stolen, please do not hesitate to contact your local law enforcement office to file a report.

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