



BOONE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

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Media Release

Incident: Attempted Fraud
Location: Boone County
Date & time: 09/28/09 @ 0800.
Case Number:

Details;

The Boone County sheriff's department is warning about a scam underway where citizens are receiving text messages stating their "service" has been discontinued and requiring they call a telephone number to provide a credit or debit card number to reinstate service.

The Joint Communication Center in Columbia has received about 50 calls today (9/29/09) from citizens reporting the scam. Citizens should never provide confidential financial information in response to an unsolicited text message, telephone call, regular mail or e-mail. Reputable and legitimate businesses do not ask for this type of information unsolicited.

This scam does not mention the specific "service" that has been discontinued but most people who reported the incident assumed it was a reference to cell phone service. A detective at the Sheriff's Department received one such text on a personal cell phone.

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Release authorized by: Det. Tom O'Sullivan