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Media Release

Incident: Telephone Scams
Location: Boone County
Date & time: June, 2011
Case Number: N/A

Details:

Recently several citizens have contacted the Boone County Sheriff's Department to report suspicious telephone calls reporting they had won prizes or requesting personal financial information such as bank account or Social Security numbers.

These telephone calls are most likely the work of scam artists attempting to dupe citizens out of money or perpetrate identity theft. The Sheriff's Department reminds citizens to NEVER disclose personal or financial information to an unsolicited telephone caller. NEVER provide a credit card or debit card number to an unsolicited caller stating in order to collect a large prize you must first pay a "processing fee."

Con artists also use phony charitable organizations to get people to donate money and provide personal information. Other telephone scams include offers of low interest loans, debt consolidation, travel rip-offs and medical discounts.

An excellent source of information regarding telephone scams is the Federal Trade Commission's website at <http://www.ftc.gov/phonefraud>

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