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PRESS RELEASE

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Incident: INCREASE IN FRAUDULENT/SCAM PHONE CALLS

Over the last several weeks, the Monroe Police Department has fielded numerous telephone calls from local residents, claiming that they have received a call from the U.S. Marshal's Office or the Social Security Administration. The caller on the phone proclaims to the person answering the phone, that their vehicle was used in an out of state drug crime, or other serious offense. In addition, the caller also threatens that non-compliance with providing them information will result in immediate arrest. The caller is able to disguise their phone number to appear as if it were coming from a local telephone number, even the local police department.

Please understand that these calls are NOT legitimate. This is a SCAM! The Monroe Police Department does not store or keep social security numbers. As we approach the fall/winter seasons of shopping, criminal activity involving fraud also increases. These are very difficult cases to investigate. The best way to combat this issue is to hang up the phone, do not provide personal information to a source you are not familiar with, and block the number which the call came from. Please visit our website at www.monroemi.gov and click on Crime Prevention Tips for other common fraudulent scams. If you received a call, similar as described above, and have further questions about it, please contact the Monroe Police Department at (734)243-7500.

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Investigating Officer(s):

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