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Sheriff Frederick W. Brown has announced a warning about a new phone call scam that misleads individuals regarding their Verizon Wireless account. The call is not from Verizon Wireless.

The scam involves a caller stating that they are from Verizon Wireless and that the person receiving the call has a suspended account. Instructions state that the receiver of the call needs to press 1 to speak to a representative in order to verify and reactivate the suspended account. Several calls were reported within the past several days and some were received by residents who did not have Verizon Wireless plans.

The Sheriff stresses that legitimate businesses do not call and ask for funds over the phone. Payments not being made through a website that is user name and password protected puts you at risk.

Sheriff Brown further warns that even if the caller has some name or knowledge, the receiver of the call should not provide any personal identification such as date of birth or social security numbers.

According to the NJ Consumer Affairs Office, the first step to stop these types of calls is to register your cell phone with the federal Do Not Call Registry. To do this, cell phone owners may call 888-382-1222 or log onto www.donotcall.gov and follow the instructions.

The Sheriff advises reaching out to your wireless provider if you have further questions and always report any scam call, with phone numbers, names and any other information, to your local police.

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