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PHONE SCAMMERS POSE AS CONTACT TRACERS TO OBTAIN PERSONAL INFORMATION

Acting Hunterdon County Prosecutor Michael J. Williams and Acting Chief of Detectives Frank R. Crisologo would like to alert the public to a recent phone scam directed at residents in Hunterdon County.

According to Acting Prosecutor Williams, “We have received reports that residents have been getting phone calls from a person claiming to be from the Hunterdon County Department of Health. These scammers will identify themselves as contact tracers and then try to obtain personal information. It appears these perpetrators are “spoofing” the actual phone numbers of the Department of Health. Spoofing is when a caller deliberately falsifies the information transmitted to your caller ID display to disguise their identity. I want to remind the public to never give out personal information such as, bank account number, Social Security number, or date of birth, over the phone. We are actively investigating this crime and will advise the public as we receive more information.

Anonymous tips can be submitted by calling Crime Stoppers at 1-800-321-0010, going online at www.CrimeStoppersHunterdon.com, or through the free “P3 Tips” smartphone app. All tips are anonymous and kept confidential. Crime Stoppers pays cash rewards for valid tips.

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