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## Press Release

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### **Who's Calling?**

#### **Your Caller ID Display May Not Be Showing the Real Party on the Other End**

The Tuscarawas County Sheriff's Office is issuing a warning to all citizens regarding a new scam. using "caller ID spoofing," the perpetrators are able to display a telephone number on the recipient's caller ID display, which in fact is not the origin of the calling number. These perpetrators are able to make a call appear to have come from any phone number they wish. Because people trust caller ID, citizens are falling prey to this scam and providing personal information such as their social security numbers.

Citizens should be warned that the Tuscarawas County Sheriff's Office telephone number (330-339-2000) is being used in this scam. Our office received a complaint in which a caller posed as a "special investigator of fraud" asking for personal information. Our office number was displayed on the complainant's caller ID. Our office is actively investigating this complaint.

Just a reminder to all citizens that should never give out or confirm personal information over telephone such as your social security, your birth date, your credit card number or your bank PIN number code unless you initiated the call. If a caller identifies themselves as representing a law enforcement agency, either request a meeting in person or at a minimum call the person back through the main agency number and confirm that persons credentials before giving any personal information.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding any suspicious calls involving caller ID, contact our office or your local law enforcement agency.

Contact: Sheriff Walt Wilson at 330-339-2000