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SCAM URBANA POLICE IMPERSONATION ALERT – URBANA

The Urbana Police Department is issuing a warning to all Urbana residents about a recent telephone scam. An Urbana resident in their 70s reported receiving multiple calls from an individual claiming to represent the Urbana Police Department. The caller, whose ID falsely showed the department's number (217-384-2320), requested personal information and claimed the resident's bank accounts were at risk. The calls escalated with threats of arrest and involvement of federal authorities.

The Urbana Police Department emphasizes that no officer will ever request banking information or demand electronic payments. While officers may ask for personal information during criminal investigations, such requests are typically made in person. Residents can always verify the legitimacy of any request by calling Urbana PD directly.

Please be aware that scammers can "spoof" phone numbers to appear legitimate. However, returning the call to the displayed number will connect you to the actual Urbana Police Department, not the scammer.

Stay vigilant and report any suspicious calls to the Urbana Police Department immediately.

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