

DEA SCAM

Drug Enforcement Administration

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TYPE OF SCAM

This scam involves someone calling you and impersonating a Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Agent.

The Drug Enforcement Administration is warning the public about criminals posing as DEA special agents or other law enforcement personnel as part of an international extortion scheme.

DESCRIPTION OF THE SCAM

Recently, a Lisle resident received a call from (713) 469-5235, which is in the Houston, Texas area. The caller stated he was with the DEA and she was being investigated for purchasing prescription drugs overseas without the required licenses. The caller stated that the issue could be resolved, but she should go to CVS and purchase five \$500 Green Dot cards and meet him at the DuPage County Courthouse, in front of Judge Michael Anderson's room, in one hour. The call back number this scammer provided was (630) 407-8710, which was a DuPage County Complex phone number.

Currently, there is no "Michael" Anderson as a judge in DuPage County and the phone number appears to not be a valid number. The resident was not provided with any details on how the transaction would take place.

No DEA agent will ever call you on the phone and ask for money or information, they don't work that way. Nor will the DEA call you on the phone and tell you they are going to



Don't Be A Victim!



arrest you.

Jack Riley, a Special Agent at the DEA's Chicago Bureau, urges people who receive similar calls to hang up and contact local police. The DEA is also aggressively tracking the impersonators, who, Riley said, are more than likely on foreign soil. People are also urged to report any suspicious calls to the DEA at 1-877-792-2873.

WHAT THE SCAMMER WANT\$

MONEY! And they will stop at nothing to get as much of your money as possible. The scammer is counting on you to be intimidated by a call from a DEA Agent.

YOUR RESPONSE

HANG-UP! DO NOT engage this scammer in any kind of discussion. **DO NOT** give them any money. **DO NOT** agree to meet them, even if the location sounds safe. **DO NOT** give them any information that they may ask for.

If the DEA is interested in talking to you, they will come in person with proper identification. If you do not believe that the person at your door is a real DEA Agent, **DO NOT** open or unlock your door. You should call the Lisle Police Department. We are aware of virtually all DEA operations within our jurisdiction.

Real law enforcement officers and agents will not mind that you are verifying their identity.

VICTIM OF THIS SCAM

Anyone receiving a telephone call from a person purporting to be a DEA special agent or other law enforcement official seeking money should refuse the demand and report the

threat using the online form that is listed below, and click on the ***Extortion Scam Online Reporting*** link.

Online reporting will greatly assist the DEA in investigating and stopping this criminal activity.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Additional information or to make a report go to:

http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/pubs/pressreleases/extortion_scam.htm

DEA Extortion Scam Hotline: 1-877-792-2873

DEA Chicago Regional Office: 312-353-7875

Chicago Regional Office Address

John C. Kluczynski Federal Building

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Chicago, IL 60604

To Report an Incident Contact

Lisle Police Department at 630-271-4200 or 911

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