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SCAM ALERT!



A Consumer Update from Mat Heck, Jr., Prosecuting Attorney



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Coronavirus Scams!

Learn how to tell the difference between a real contact tracer and a scammer. Legitimate tracers need health information, not money or personal financial information.



A contact tracer might get in touch to discuss results of a test you know you took, or because you've been in contact with someone who tested positive. Depending on how your state has set up its program, legitimate contact tracers may call, text, or visit your home to collect information. They may ask you for:

- your name and address
- health information
- the names of places and people you have visited

Scammers will ask you to do more. Here are some things to do to protect yourself from fake contact tracers.

- **Don't pay a contact tracer.** Anyone who says you need to pay is a scammer, plain and simple.
- **Don't give your Social Security number or financial information.** There's no reason for a legitimate contract tracer to need your Social Security number, bank account, or credit card number.
- **Don't share your immigration status.** Legitimate contract tracers don't need - and won't ask for - this information.
- **Don't click on links or download anything sent from a contract tracer.** Real tracers will only send you texts or emails that say they'll be calling you - not to ask you to click or download anything.

IMPORTANT NUMBER IN THE EVENT YOU THINK YOU ARE BEING SCAMMED:

Montgomery County Prosecutor's Office: 937 225-5757, ask for our consumer fraud division.

The above ALERT is part of the Montgomery County Prosecuting Attorney's initiative to help citizens become aware of ways they can avoid becoming a victim, or ways they can help stop criminal activity that may be occurring. Upon request, the office can provide presentations on crime prevention actions and activities to halt crime and increase the quality of life in our community.

If you would like additional information on the above ALERT, or would like additional information regarding our programs to assist consumers in general and/or seniors in particular, please contact Kimberly Melnick, Supervising Attorney, Adult Protection Unit, or Anthony Schoen, Supervising Attorney, Fraud and Economic Crimes Unit at 937-225-5757.

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