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SCAM ALERT!



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



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Caution - New Local Scam!

We recently learned that a local corrections officer received a phone call telling her that she had been linked to a Montgomery County criminal case. She was given a case number of 188-225 and was told to call immediately, as she had not yet been charged. The caller identified herself as Elizabeth Thomas from the Montgomery County Prosecutor's Office.

The corrections officer recognized things that were incorrect in the caller's information and realized it was a scam. Here are some tips on how to manage this type of call:

- If you receive a call from a person claiming to be from the Montgomery County Prosecutor's Office and that person instructs you to call a toll free number, do NOT do so. Our office will never instruct you to call a toll free number. (Area codes 800, 833, 844, 855, 866, 877, or 888) If you want to contact our office, call the Montgomery County Prosecutor's Office main line at (937) 225-5757.
- The Montgomery County Common Pleas Court's case numbers are in the following format, XXXX-CR-XXXX. The first four numbers are the year the case was initiated. If any other format case number is left on your message, it may be a scam!

IF YOU THINK YOU ARE BEING SCAMMED:

Call the Montgomery County Prosecutor's Consumer Fraud Unit at 937-225-4747 and ask for a Fraud Investigator.

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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