



## 107<sup>th</sup> PRECINCT SCAM ALERTS:

### PHONE SCAMS: HOW THE SCAM WORKS

- If **ANYONE** calls to inform you that a **LOVED** one (grandchild etc.) has either been **ARRESTED, WAS INVOLVED IN AN AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT, KIDNAPPED, HOSPITALIZED, VICTIM OF CRIME IN ANOTHER COUNTRY** etc. and asks you to either wire, send cash, purchase any type of gift card to help them out – **YOU ARE BEING SCAMMED** – Contact the family member first. If you can't get in touch, call another family member and verify.
- If **ANYONE** calls you and says they are a representative of **ANY** government agency (**IRS, FBI, NYPD, BANK** etc.) and tells you that you owe back taxes or mortgage payments etc. and then instructs you to wire money or they will arrest you or put your house in foreclosure – **YOU ARE BEING SCAMMED** – ask for a name and then obtain the **REAL** number to the organization from an **OUTSIDE** source (ie. Official Internet Website). No matter what, hang up on this **SCAM**
- Anytime '**FOR ANY REASON**' **ANYONE** sends you a check, then asks you to **DEPOSIT** it into your account and then requests that you wire money either back to them or send to anywhere else - **YOU ARE BEING SCAMMED** – **ALWAYS** wait until the check clears from your bank. **YOU WILL NOT BE REIMBURSED**
- **PHONE NUMBERS CAN BE GENERIC. DON'T TRUST ANYONE WHO CALLS AND ASKS YOU TO SEND MONEY WITHOUT VERIFYING.**

### ATM SKIMMING: HOW THE SCAM WORKS

- Thieves will place a **SKIMMING** device on an **ATM**. Before you insert your card, give the plate a pull. If it's loose or comes off in your hand, a **SKIMMING** device has been planted. Call 911 and then contact the bank ASAP.
- Check for any pin head size holes in a plate aimed at the PIN pad. If you see it, **DON'T** use the machine – there is a **SKIMMING** device planted. – **ALWAYS** cover the PIN pad with your hand when entering PIN.

### AUTO THEFT: HOW THE THEFT WORKS

- No matter how long you're away from your car, if you leave **ANYTHING** of value in plain view, your window will be broken and your items it will be stolen!  
**It's THAT simple!**