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**NCCPD Warns Residents of a Phone Scam
Impersonating a Law Enforcement Officer**

New Castle County Police are investigating a phone scam where the caller identifies himself as a law enforcement official and attempts to collect money from the victim for outstanding warrants or fines.

New Castle County Police have received reports from victims regarding telephone calls from an individual identifying themselves as "Major Paul Stephens" from the New Castle County Warrant Division. The caller uses a "302" area code and will leave a message for a return telephone call if there is no answer.

Similar phone calls are being made across the country in which the caller states he wants to discuss payment for an outstanding warrant or fine. New Castle County Police have seen this type of incident before in October.

The New Castle County Police would like to warn the public that a law enforcement agency will not telephone a citizen requesting payment for a fine or ask for such payment over the telephone. We encourage citizens to be alert and aware of dishonest people taking advantage of them. Recognizing a phone scam will help to protect your money as well as your identity.

If anyone has been a victim of this telephone scam or wants to inquire about the validity of a telephone call from a law enforcement officer can call the New Castle County Police non-emergency telephone number at (302) 573-2800.