

***** SCAM ALERT *****



Threats and Demands from Callers or E-mailers Impersonating Treasury Officials

The Delanco Township Police Department has received information of numerous phone calls received by township residents stating that they are Treasury officials demanding monies. THIS IS A SCAM!

WHAT TO DO:

Because these criminals are also involved with identity theft, the Treasury Office of Inspector General , TOIG, recommends that, if you are contacted by one of them, you delete the electronic mail message or hang-up as soon as you recognize that it is a scam attempt. Do not attempt to elicit information that can be used against him; do not “play along” just for fun; do not attempt to get the caller to admit that he is a fraud; and do not threaten to report the caller to the authorities. **Terminate contact immediately.**

Particularly with respect to telephone calls, it is important to be aware of the danger of giving away personal information without meaning to. Just by answering the telephone, you have already given the criminal confirmation of your telephone number, your general location (given away by the area code on your telephone number), your sex, your approximate age, and the fact that you are at home during the day/evening. Some of these criminals have a great deal of experience and are adept at a number of forms of “social engineering” that allow them to obtain information that their victims don’t know is useful to identity thieves.

HOW TO REPORT:

It is not necessary to report a fraud attempt of this sort to the TOIG, which investigates these matters broadly, as part of a task force with other law-enforcement agencies. The TOIG does not investigate or respond to individual reports of, or requests regarding, this kind of consumer fraud.

Anyone who receives a fraudulent electronic mail contact of this sort should consider filing a complaint with the Internet Crime Control Center (ICCC), at www.ic3.gov. The ICCC is a joint partnership between the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the National White Collar Crime Center.

Fraudulent communications purportedly from Internal Revenue Service officials should be reported to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA) at:

http://www.treasury.gov/tigta/contact_report_scam.shtml

THIS INFORMATION CAN ALSO BE FOUND ON THE DELANCO TOWNSHIP'S WEBSITE:

WWW.DELANCOTOWNSHIP.COM