

We've had a couple of reports of an attempted phone scam involving a fake DEA Agent. This has been going on all over the country for a while now. The person claims to be a drug agent and tells the person that they or someone in their family is the subject of a narcotics investigation. They tell the person to send an amount of money (normally less than \$500) to them to expedite their bond. The phone numbers are issued out of Virginia, but they are likely internet phone numbers that can be chosen for any location. One of our narcotics officers called the number and the voicemail said it was a DEA agent. He left a message and when the person called back they appeared to have a foreign accent. Our agent questioned the person and they became pretty nasty.

Please remember not to trust someone on the phone. Don't rely on a number they give you to call back and check. Find a number for that agency or organization on your own and call to verify the person's identity. Also remember that the more persistent the caller is, the more likely it is to be a scam.

Take care and stay safe.

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