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## LEHIGH COUNTY SHERIFF JOE HANNA WARNS OF TELEPHONE SCAMMERS PROFESSING TO BE DEPUTY SHERIFFS

Sheriff Joe Hanna has reported that a number of citizens have reported receiving telephone calls from male individuals purporting to be members of the Lehigh County Sheriff's Office. In one instance, a male identified himself as a detective and claimed to have "paperwork" signed by a Lehigh County judge for the victim's arrest. They were then instructed to purchase disposable credit cards in a specific amount and provide the access PIN number.

Sheriff Hanna has advised "The Lehigh County Sheriff's Office does not have the rank of detective and under no circumstances would deputies collect monies during the course of our everyday business".

The Sheriff cautioned that "telephone scam artists continue to victimize citizens with various confidence schemes. They are well versed in their script and are prepared to answer any questions in a most authoritative and convincing manner."

Sheriff Hanna advises the public to contact his office at (610) 782-3175 to verify any questionable calls relating to the Lehigh County Sheriff's office.