



Allendale Police Department

News Release

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Dec. 8 – Police were called to resolve a dispute between a former employee at a local business and her manager. The employee entered the business and went into her old manager’s office, closed the door and waited for him. Once he arrived at work she demanded her old job back. Officers spoke to all involved, and let the woman leave with the warning to not show up there again.

Police continue to receive calls from residents about scams that are being attempted. The current ones are variants of the Grandparent Scam and The IRS scam. We are also seeing attempts by businesses to call homeowners and confirm a service appointment (chimney cleaning, gutter cleaning, etc.) which was never actually made. Once told by the homeowner that no appointment had been made the caller attempts to negotiate a price to do the work.

With all these scam attempts the same tips apply:

- Never give out or confirm personal information.
- No reputable business will demand payment with prepaid money cards, especially over the phone
- If you did not solicit the work be very suspicious of the company, especially if they try to talk you into doing it. Reputable businesses do not solicit work this way.
- If a caller states a loved one is in jail or hostage, contact police, who can assist in verifying the safety or whereabouts of that relative.
- After you advise the caller you are not interested and hang up, call the police.

For more information:

<http://www.allendalepd.org/press/>.

<http://blog.aarp.org/2014/04/21/inside-the-grandparents-scam-a-con-artist-reveals-all/>