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Kendall County Sheriff’s Office Warns of Telephone Scam

The Kendall County Sheriff’s Office would like to warn residents of another round of telephone scams. The Kendall County Sheriff’s Office received a report from a concern citizen stating that they had received numerous phone calls from a subject claiming they were a member of the Kendall County Public Defender’s Office, who advised them that they won a trip to Disneyland.

The caller also claimed they received an additional call from someone claiming they were a member of the Kendall County Health and Human Services, and were requesting personal health care information from the complainant.

The Kendall County Government phone number that had been displayed on the complainant’s caller ID, are presumably by utilizing a common tactic among scammers called “Spoofing”, where through computer software; a specific telephone number will be displayed on the recipient’s caller ID.

Health and Human Services discusses personal information with individuals whom they are helping. However, Health and Human Services does not randomly call individuals in order to collect personal information from them.

The Public Defender’s Office will not call and ask for personal information over the phone nor would their office call you stating that you would be a winner of any prize.

The Kendall County Sheriff’s Office would like to ensure that citizens are aware of this scam. Personal information should never be given out over the phone. Should citizens receive a phone
call from an individual claiming to be with the Kendall County Sheriff’s Office, we ask that they contact our office immediately at (630)553-5856 to file a police report or to verify the authenticity of the deputy contacting them.