Kendall County Sheriff’s Office Cautions Citizens of Email Scams

The Kendall County Sheriff’s Office recently learned of an email scam where an unknown person sent an email to a concerned citizen attempting to extort money in exchange for allegedly stolen personal information. The sender alleges to have obtained personal cell phones records, photos, videos and home computer information of the victim. The sender demanded the money be sent to his virtual wallet. Again, this is a SCAM and a scare tactic for you to give personal information and send money.

The Sheriff’s Office wants to make everyone aware that they should NEVER respond to these types of emails. If you do receive a scam email, you should not click on any of the links it contains. Instead delete it immediately.

Recognizing and Avoiding Email Scams

The following recommendations can minimize your chances of falling victim to an email scam:

- Filter spam.
- Don’t trust unsolicited email.
- Treat email attachments with caution.
- Don’t click links in email messages.
- Install antivirus software and keep it up to date.
- Install a personal firewall and keep it up to date.
- Configure your email client for security.