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Brown Co Sheriff Warns of Scam Activity

(MSC News)--Brown County Sheriff John Merchant is alerting residents of more scam activity circulating in the Brown County area.

Merchant says several residents have reported receiving phone calls that show up on their caller ID as a local number. When they answer the phone call, it turns out to be a solicitor with a foreign accent trying to gain financial information.

Merchant says when the number is called back its received by the individual who owns the phone and they are completely unaware that their number has been used in connection with a scam.

Merchant says the scammers are programming local numbers to show up on the caller ID's of their intended victims, but in reality these calls are most likely coming from out of the country.

He urges residents not to rely on their caller ID for verification of a caller, adding scammers can program any number to show up on caller ID's. Merchant says the worst part is that in most cases, the calls are unable to be traced.

Once again, he reminds residents to never give out personal information over the phone or computer.

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