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County of Berks - Media Advisory

County of Berks warns community of apparent phone scam

Reading, PA— 9/25/2020 — The County of Berks has become aware of an apparent phone scam involving a County of Berks phone number. The County has received dozens of calls today from numerous states as far away as California and up and down the East Coast in response to the apparent scam.

Based on the information from the callers, the County believes that the scammer is spoofing a County of Berks phone number and then makes false claims that a relative of the recipient is in jail and needs payment for bail.

The County urges everyone in the community to be aware of this ongoing threat. If you receive a suspicious call, please contact the Berks County Detectives at 610-478-7171.

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