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NASSAU COUNTY POLICE **TELEPHONE SCAMS**

Nassau County Police have investigated several instances of a telephone scam that either threatens family members in return for money or indicates that a loved one has been involved in an accident and is in need of money. In all of the instances a male caller with a Spanish accent states that a family member was kidnapped, held hostage or involved in an auto accident and the victim needs to send money usually through Western Union to save or help the family member. In 2 of the recent investigations a threat of serious physical injury against the person being held was used. This information is being provided to residents to make them aware of this ongoing telephone scam and to report any similar incidents to the Nassau County Police Department.

If you believe you may have been a victim of this scam, please call 911 immediately.

Anyone with information that could lead to the arrest of the individual(s) responsible are asked to call Nassau County Crime Stoppers at 1-800-244-TIPS (8477). All calls remain anonymous.

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