



News Release

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Subject: -- Past Due – Electric bill-- SCAM

The Mansfield Division of Police would like to notify businesses in the city of an overdue Electric bill SCAM. There have been several calls to city businesses from a person identifying themselves as an employee from Ohio Edison on their past due Electric bill.

The citizens are being told that their electric was going to be shut off if they don't pay it soon. The caller Identified herself as Cindy Johnson. The caller stated that the victim needs to get money cards from Rite-Aid and then call her back with the numbers off of the cards.

It is known by the Police Department that this is a SCAM call.

If you receive a call demanding money for an overdue bill and you are suspicious of the call get the information from the caller with their name and then hang up. Then call your electric company's customer service number back and verify the call. If someone asks you to make a payment over the phone, DO not give them any personal information.

Lt. Rob Skropits of the Major Crimes Unit states "You should always be on the alert to callers that want you to give out your personal information over the phone,"