

Middlesex Sheriff's Office

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Middlesex Sheriff's Office Warns of Scam Involving Civil Process Division

The Middlesex Sheriff's Office is warning citizens today of a telephone scam involving a man falsely claiming to work for the Civil Process Division of the office.

In the scam, the man allegedly claiming to be a Middlesex Sheriff's Office deputy working on behalf of group named 'American Cash' and with an out of state law firm tells the person being called he, or she, will be arrested if they do not wire money to a specific bank. The call might appear to be coming from a legitimate sheriff's office number, but it is not.

"We want citizens to be aware of this scam so they can properly protect themselves," said Middlesex Sheriff Peter J. Koutoujian. "These are not legitimate calls. Arrests performed by the Civil Process Division deputies are done in person, never over the phone and the individual is brought to court to resolve the matter."

The law group, who also appears to be a victim of this scam, has already posted a warning on its website regarding the scam.

The MSO is advising citizens that receive similar calls that they should not give any personal information to the caller and should immediately report the call to their local law enforcement agency. We also ask that you contact the Middlesex Sheriff's Office Investigation Unit at 978-932-3104.

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