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PHONE SCAM WARNING

Earlier today the Essex Police Dept. was made aware of a scam where a call was made from someone claiming to be the Essex Police from a cloned number of the Essex PD main line, (802) 878-8331. The caller claimed to be the Police and stated a that crime was committed, and the recipient of the call was required to pay restitution, fines, and meet with a law firm called US Legal Support at the police department (after paying the fines over the phone). The caller included a phony case number and demanded payment at that time, advising the victim that reaching out to a third party would be a further violation of the law.

The Essex Police would never request any payment of money or bank information over the phone. If you feel like something doesn't sound legitimate, the best course of action is to hang up and call the police. Unfortunately many of today's scams are high tech and believable, however, again if something doesn't seem right, contact the authorities, or your banking institution before ever giving out any person identifying information out over the phone.

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