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Telephone Scam Falsely Claims Police Affiliation

PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY, VIRGINIA . . . Prince William County Police are advising County residents of reports of a telephone scam where the caller falsely identifies himself as a Prince William County police officer and/or detective.

On June 11, 2009, a business in the Manassas area reported that a call was received where an individual identified himself as a detective with the Prince William County Police Department. The caller solicited funds for a youth drug prevention program.

On June 15, 2009, a Woodbridge resident reported receiving a call from a person who identified himself as an officer with the Prince William County Police Department. The caller solicited funds for families of fallen officers.

These calls are not legitimate. **The Prince William County Police Department does not solicit funds.** If you receive an unsolicited call for donations, the Department encourages you to check with the organization the caller claims to represent before making a decision or a contribution.

Anyone who has received this kind of call from someone claiming to be with the Prince William County Police Department is asked to contact the police non-emergency number, 703-792-6500, to report the incident. As much information as you can provide about the call, including a telephone number, will assist the police investigation into this matter.

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