



News Release

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Hanover resident receives fraudulent telephone call attempting to solicit funds on behalf of the Hanover County Sheriff's Office

On March 31, the Sheriff's Office was notified of a telephone solicitation in which the caller indicated that he was collecting donations on behalf of the Hanover County Sheriff's Office to support a bullet proof vest fund. This solicitation was a scandalous attempt to obtain funds by false pretenses. The Hanover County Sheriff's Office has never nor will it ever solicit funds in such a manner.

"It is unfortunate that criminals manipulate the values of our citizens for monetary gain. While there may be legitimate organizations soliciting by phone, it has become necessary and is my recommendation that our citizens provide no financial information or support over the phone in any case," said Colonel V. Stuart Cook.

Anyone receiving suspicious phone solicitations of this nature is urged to contact the Sheriff's Office. Our Investigators are working to identify the individual(s) responsible for these calls and any additional information would be appreciated.

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