

We have a new scam starting in our area that is very disturbing. Today at 1:39 pm and 1:45 pm we had two different citizens call and report that they had received calls from someone telling them that their child relative had been kidnapped and in at least one case the caller demanded ransom money. Both individuals were able to verify that a kidnapping had not occurred and the children were safe. Our investigation indicates that these are clearly scam attempts. Obviously calls of this nature are very upsetting and disturbing to those targeted. We do not have any investigative leads at this time and it appears these calls are likely originating from out of the area. We have also reported these to the Oregon Department of Justice. We encourage the public to be aware of this scam and do not respond to anyone with any payment process. If you receive a call of this nature and know it is false, please report it to the Oregon Department of Justice Consumer Fraud hotline at 1-877-877-9392.

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