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Subject: Scam Alert

(Oshkosh, WI) June 27, 2023: There are a number of various scams that affect members of the public. The Oshkosh Police Department frequently investigates scams affecting Oshkosh Citizens in order to hold those responsible accountable, and attempt to recover lost assets for victims. The Oshkosh Police Department would like to warn the public of a specific scam which has affected a number of victims in the City of Oshkosh.

This current scam involves a victim receiving an alert of some type on their computer. The alert prompts them to call a phone number. The alert appears to come from a legitimate organization and indicates there is some sort of problem with the victim's computer, bank account, or other account. When the victim calls the phone number provided on the alert a scammer may convince the victim to give them access to the victim's computer, obtain banking information for the victim, or convince the victim to provide money to resolve whatever the issue is.

The scammer may also convince the victim they have already fallen victim to some sort of scam by manipulating what the victim sees on their computer. The scammer then may convince the victim they need to provide additional funds in order to overcome the scam which has occurred. The victim may then be convinced to send money to the scammer through a number of different methods including but not limited to, sending cashiers checks, sending cash, or depositing funds into a Cryptocurrency (Bitcoin) ATM.

Many of these scams originate outside of the United States. The scammer may keep the victim on the phone throughout the scam, which may take several hours. The scammer may convince the victim to be secretive and not talk to anyone about what is happening.

The Oshkosh Police Department encourages individuals not to respond to these types of alerts. Anytime someone is directed to remain on the phone for extended periods of time, be secretive about a possible issue, or send money in some fashion, it is almost certainly a

scam. If anyone is concerned about an issue regarding their accounts they should reach out to the appropriate agency through their own means. If anyone is unsure if something is a scam or they feel they fell victim of a scam they should contact the law enforcement agency where they live.

If anyone has become a victim of a crime, they are encouraged to contact the Oshkosh Police Department at 920-236-5700. If you have information about a crime, but wish to remain anonymous, please contact the Winnebago County Crime Stoppers at 920-231-8477; or through the P3 App.

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