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MARION PUBLIC HEALTH WARNS LOCAL RESTUARANTS AND BUSINESSES OF FOOD INSPECTOR SCAM

Marion—Marion Public Health has been notified by an owner of a local food establishment that they received a call from an individual posing as a health department employee. The caller identified himself as a “health inspector” and requested to schedule an inspection in an attempt to collect personal information. The scammers are hoping to collect information to fraudulently sell goods and services and extract money on the internet and to extort money. This scam has also been reported in other parts of Ohio.

Marion Public Health does not routinely call to set up food service inspections. Health inspectors show up unannounced and wear a picture ID that identifies them as a Marion Public Health employee.

Food operators should be aware of this possible threat. Restaurant owners and food service operators should never give out personal, private or secure information to anyone without first confirming the person’s identity. If any food operators receive these fraudulent calls or are suspicious of a health inspector for any reason they should call the Environmental Health Division of Marion Public Health at (740) 387-2875 for verification.

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