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SUBJECT: Community Watch Message – Contractor Alert & Scams

Contractor ALERT:

A member of the Community Watch reported to me an individual in the St. Andrews neighborhood acting in a suspicious manner. He was stopping at a number of residences and distributing his business card. It is possible that this card belongs to Vince DePace. Mr. Depace has a past history of felony fraud convictions. If a contractor approaches you for work, you should verify that they have a current permit to conduct business.



Phone and email scams:

Members of the Community Watch have reported to me that they received phone and email scams from Bank of America, USAA, and IRS. Each one of the scams threatened suspension of access to accounts, jail time, or accounts being frozen.

Remember, if you receive a call from a number you do not recognize, just let it go to voice mail. Then you can either return the call or block the number from future calls. If you receive a call from a particular business, call a different number associated with that business rather than the number the call came in on.

Also, if you receive an email scam never respond to the email received. Instead, call a number that is associated with the business you received the email from.

You should also report any scam activity to the North Carolina Attorney General's office.



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Remember, "If you see something, say something". The non-emergency telephone number for the Pinehurst PD is (910) 295-3141.

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