



Scam Alert



Recently there have been a lot of calls made to local area residents where the incoming call shows on the caller ID as "Prison". The caller identifies himself as an officer from a local police department or other governmental authority telling the resident that there was some type of emergency involving a family member. The caller tells the resident to dial *72 and dial another number. The unsuspecting resident does not realize that the *72 feature is the call forwarding feature and the number they dialed is where their calls were forwarded. The caller then dials the number from the jail and the resident is paying for the calls.

The calls are originating from the Cook County Jail at 26th and California Ave in Chicago. The Sheriff is aware of the scam and is trying to remedy the situation. As for now if you receive a call from anywhere showing the call originating from "Prison", do not hit the *72 and dial the number. Hang up on the caller and contact the Cook County Jail at 772-890-7100. Follow the prompts to get to the jail and contact the Internal Affairs Division. They will ask you for your phone number and enter it in their system therefore blocking it from being called from the jail.

If you have any questions you can call the Hinsdale Police Department at the non-emergency phone number of (630)789-7070 and we would be happy to assist you.