



# CITY OF ORLANDO

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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **Community Alert**

The Orlando Police Department has been receiving numerous incidents involving unknown persons making random phone calls to individuals and attempting to extort money from whomever answers the telephone.

These unknown persons are calling individuals and telling them that a loved one is in their custody and that if a certain amount of money is not wired to a certain location, that loved one will be harmed.

The majority of the individuals that have received calls of this nature have ignored them; however, several victims have wired money as directed by these persons. The persons making these calls have been "spoofing" their number, in an attempt to not be located.

If anyone receives a phone call of this nature, please call the law enforcement agency that provides service to your area.

