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## SHERIFF BELLOTTI WARNS OF PHONE SCAMMERS POSING AS SHERIFF'S OFFICE PERSONNEL

DEDHAM, MA, August 27, 2015 – Norfolk County Sheriff Michael G. Bellotti issued a warning about prospective thieves who have been telephoning area residents, claiming to be from the Sheriff's Office and demanding money under the threat of jail.

"These scam artists reportedly even have our name and phone number showing up in the caller ID they send out," Sheriff Bellotti said. "For the record, the Norfolk Sheriff's Office does not call people out of the blue and demand that they fork over money or credit card numbers with the alternative being jail."

Last winter, similar reports of fraudulent phone calls surfaced in which the scam artists were posing as Internal Revenue Service agents as well as Norfolk Sheriff's Office deputies.

Anyone receiving such a call should notify the Norfolk Sheriff's Office at 781-329-3705 or contact your local police.