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Scam of the Week

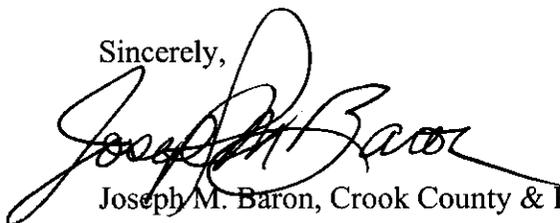
The Scam of the Week is a scam that was actually received or reported to this office. The scam worked like this. A person calls you on the telephone and is trying to sell you an advertisement for a magnet on the refrigerator with emergency numbers on it. They tell you that they are from your community and that other prominent businesses in the community are doing so as well. They want you to mail a check, or give them your credit or debit card number over the telephone. They will tell you that you better hurry and give them the money or information because they are going to the printer tomorrow.

What is really going on is that they are just going to a web site such as a chamber of commerce or an online newspaper and calling the advertisers to get their money or card numbers with no intention of selling them anything.

In this case, the individual that got the call asked where the caller was from they said Moorcroft. He asked where the office was so he could drop off his information and check. They then said that he needed to mail it or give it over the telephone, he asked for telephone prefix and they could not give it, he asked for a supervisor and they said that they were in St. Louis. He was not scammed because he asked a few questions and when the answers did not add up, he hung up before he gave them any information.

If you are suspicious about an unsolicited business opportunity, discuss it with your attorney, your banker, a law enforcement officer, or me at (307) 283-1090 before you are scammed.

Sincerely,



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