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LOCALS GET PHISHING PHONE CALLS FOR CREDIT CARD INFORMATION

The Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office has received reports of a possible scam circulating in our area. Residents have received phone calls from an individual stating he is with a credit card services company and is going to see if the person qualifies for lower interest rates on their credit card. He asks for your credit card number and the last 4 digits of your social security number. In at least one case, the caller already had some basic information, such as the last four digits of a valid credit card.

The Sheriff's Office Crime Prevention Unit wants to remind you to never give out personal information via unsolicited phone calls, emails, or other means.

Suspected scams or fraud attempts can be reported to the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office Fraud Hotline at 850-651-7574.

For more information on protecting yourself from becoming a victim of a fraud or a scam visit:

http://www.fbi.gov/scams-safety/fraud

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