

TELEPHONE SCAM ALERT

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Here is yet another telephone scam alert forwarded by the North Central Area Agency on Aging. Telephone scams have been a hot topic lately, and the below report sounds like one that was reported on the news just a few weeks ago. An elderly woman in South Windsor reported this case to her caseworker yesterday:

"Someone called her two times yesterday and it was a recording saying to stay on the line and then the phone hung up. They called her back today and they got on the phone and said that they have her bank account number and now they need some additional information, she immediately hung up, called her bank and then called South Windsor Police Department. The phone number is 860-327-0114 and the caller id said INTL"

A reverse look-up of the number showed the call came from a landline in Manchester, but no name or company name was published. I have called the number several times this morning, but only get a fast busy signal.

This senior was on her toes and did all the right things, including calling the local police!!

It is scammers like this that will take their chances calling people. They instill fear about identity theft and fraud into the person who answers and playing on their feeling of being violated...They hope to get that person in a moment of panic so they give up their personal information and, LIKE THAT, the scammer has everything they need to know to rip you off!!

If anyone calls and says they are from your bank or have your bank account...**DON'T GIVE THEM YOUR INFORMATION!!** Instead, say you'll give them a call right back. Hang up. Then call your bank yourself.

Thank you all for keeping up your alerts! Please give this Scam Alert your widest dissemination...knowledge and awareness is the best way to beat these deplorable scammers!!

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