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NEWS RELEASE

Sheriff's Office warns of SSN scam

In the past several weeks the Carteret County Sheriff's Office has received several complaints from citizens in reference to attempted fraud matters.

Reports made to the Sheriff's Office state that residents are being called at random from scammers representing themselves as tax preparers or agents of the IRS. The scammers inform the citizen that their income taxes have been rejected because someone has previously filed taxes using the person's social security number. The caller then requests the person's SSN.

The Sheriff's Office advises to never give out your personal information, including your social security number, to anyone you do not know. Typically the IRS will not call you at home and ask for your social security number.

If anyone has a concern about the status of their taxes you can go online to www.irs.gov or contact your local IRS office at (252)-561-4040 (Greenville).

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CARTERET COUNTY CRIME STOPPERS AT (252) 726-INFO OR EMAIL
CRIMETIPS@CARTERETCOUNTYGOV.ORG**

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