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WEINSTEIN ALERTS PUBLIC TO POTENTIAL TAX SCAM

PITTSBURGH – Allegheny County Treasurer John K. Weinstein on Friday warned residents of reports that individuals may be posing as representatives of the Allegheny County Treasurer’s Office with the intent to defraud taxpayers. The public is urged to be cautious when called by individuals claiming to represent the Office or any government entity.

In this variation of a common scam, thieves call potential victims claiming that they are informing them of additional real estate tax obligations or miscellaneous fees, or that they are collecting delinquent obligations or fees. They then insist on cash payment and advise that an ‘agent’ will arrive at their home to collect the amount specified. The Treasurer’s Office does not operate in this fashion. **The Office does not make unsolicited outgoing calls to taxpayers; does not request sensitive personal information by phone; does not request additional sums without an official statement; and under no circumstances will travel to your residence to accept cash payments.**

“It’s always disheartening to hear of criminal tactics like this, particularly since they often target seniors in an attempt to confuse taxpayers,” said Treasurer Weinstein. “Unfortunately, even in the middle of a pandemic, we have to remain vigilant. The best defense is awareness. Tell your family and friends how to spot signs of fraud. The further we spread the word about how these scams operate, the more we make it difficult for them to succeed.”

Any information regarding these scams will be referred to the District Attorney’s Office and the Office of the Attorney General for investigation and prosecution to the fullest extent the law allows. If you are the recipient of a suspicious call, please contact your local police department. If you wish to confirm County tax or fee payment status, the Treasurer’s Office can be contacted at (412) 350-4100. Representatives are available weekdays from 8:30am to 4:30pm.

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