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NEWS RELEASE

Police advise don't get cheated by charity scams during the holiday season

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

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The Sheboygan Police Department wishes to advise residents that though this is the "season of giving" there are still scam artists looking to take advantage of your generosity.

If contacted in regards to charities or fundraisers, there are several tips to avoid being scammed during the holiday season.

- 1. The caller won't provide detailed information about their factitious organizations identity, mission, costs, and how the donation will be used.**
- 2. The caller doesn't provide proof that a contribution is tax deductible.**
- 3. The caller uses a name that closely resembles that of a better-known, reputable organization.**
- 4. The caller uses high-pressure tactics trying to get you to donate immediately, without giving you time to think about it and do your research.**
- 5. The caller asks for donations in cash or by wire transfer.**
- 6. The caller offers to send a courier or overnight delivery service to collect the donation immediately.**

The spirit of giving is high and understandable but ask the right questions to ensure your donation is going to the cause you have in mind.