

DEKALB POLICE DEPARTMENT

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COMMUNITY ALERT

Social Media Scam

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To Provide Info Call 815-748-8400
To Report a Crime/Request Emergency Police Response Call 9-1-1

The DeKalb Police Department has received complaints about a Facebook scam affecting our residents. In the scam, an e-mail or message appears to come from an acquaintance and directed to the victim. It might be a “friend request” or chat and then the suspect tries to solicit money. The suspect might also offer to send a link for a financial opportunity. Any person that gets a message like this should immediately delete it. If any resident has replied and suffered a loss, they should contact the police department to make a report.

Anytime a resident receives a suspicious e-mail or text, they should contact the sender by a more reliable method to verify the request. For example, call the acquaintance on the phone or speak to them in person. Residents should never disclose any personal information (i.e. birthdays, social security numbers, etc.) to an unknown party on the internet or telephone.

All citizens are encouraged to report any suspicious activity to the DeKalb Police Department at 815-748-8400 or dial 911 in the event of an emergency.

PLEASE REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

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