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FRAUD AND SCAM ALERT

On 1/15/2015, the Chatham Police Department received a report from a local merchant of a possible scam/attempt to fraudulently obtain customer credit card information. A computer tech support company contracted by the merchant received a telephone call from an unknown person who stated that the merchant intended to sell a portion of their business. This unknown male caller then requested customer credit card receipts from the company in order to facilitate the sale. The caller gave a local phone number as a call back number. The number was listed to another local business with no connection to the original merchant or the computer tech support company.

Merchants and all citizens are reminded to:

- Never provide any personal, business, credit card or account number information over the phone or electronically to anyone whose identity is not well established and trusted.
- Never provide access to your computer to anyone who solicits information over the phone.
- Never provide personal or business information such as social security numbers.
- If you receive a call of this nature, ask the caller for their name, company name and phone number.
- Call the Chatham Police Department immediately so that the call and caller information can be checked out. Call 508-945-1213