



Simsbury Police Department

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CL&P/Utility Company Scam

Many businesses in Connecticut have recently been the target of a utility scam. In several places within the State (Avon, Westport, etc.), businesses have received telephone calls from a person claiming to be an employee of CL&P. The caller identification shows the CL&P telephone number (a method called spoofing). The caller states that the business is overdue on their utility bill and service will be disconnected within a short time (30 minutes) if payment is not immediately received. The caller instructs the person to arrange for a money order or payment similar to a money order (e.g Green Dot MoneyPak) for urgent payment to maintain service.

If you suspect that you are the subject of this or a similar scam, take the time to verify the information that you are told. For instance, call the CL&P telephone number to inquire about your service. Note the information that the fraudulent caller has provided to you (call identification, call back number, name, address, e-mail, etc.), and call your local police department.