

# MA State Police warn public of telephone hoax

Numerous members of the public have reported to State Police that they received hoax telephone calls this afternoon that showed the phone number of the calls' origin to be the number of the State Police South Boston Barracks, 617-740-7710.

When the call recipients answered, they were told to hold for an officer regarding a complaint or warrant that had been issued against them. The "officer" then told the call recipients they were to get money – in some cases several thousand dollars – and meet police at local shopping centers to resolve the matter.

The calls are hoaxes. Anyone receiving calls like these, or calls of any similar nature, should immediately hang up. Never go anywhere or provide any personal information or money as a result of an unsolicited, unexpected, or suspicious phone call. Please be aware that no police department will ever call someone to tell them there is a warrant or complaint against them, and no police department will ever ask for any amount of money to be turned over to it.