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For Immediate Release:

OCPD WARNS PUBLIC OF EMAIL SCAM

The Ocean City Police Department would like the community to be aware of an email scam that is being used to extort money. The scam, which has targeted individuals through their business email addresses, is attempting to use threatening remarks in order to extort money from the victims.

Ocean City Police detectives believe that the email was sent out by using a mass e-mail address list which included several local realtors and does appear to be a hoax. Delaware State Police in Sussex County have also received several reports regarding the same email.

The Ocean City Police Department is advising people to be cautious of the scam. In the event that you should receive the same, or similar, email then you should contact the OCPD at 410-723-6610. Also, detectives are asking that you contact the FBI Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3) by visiting www.ic3.gov.

This website is available to provide citizens with a tool that will help them receive, develop and refer criminal complaints regarding the rapidly expanding arena of cyber crime. The IC3 also gives victims of cyber crime a convenient and easy-to-use reporting mechanism that alerts authorities of suspected criminal or civil violations.

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Quite often, citizens' hunches turn out to be valuable information to us. If you have information that you feel we should know, we encourage you to leave us e-mail. OCPD@ococean.com