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For Immediate Release:

JULY 15, 2009 - OCPD ADVISING THE TEXT MESSAGE AMBER ALERT IS A HOAX

The Ocean City Police is notifying all citizens and media outlets that there is currently a hoax "Amber Alert" Text and "Twitter based message being disseminated.

The fraudulent "Amber Alert" currently circulating reads as follows:

"Amber Alert 3 year old girl from OC taken by a man driving a new silver truck NJ plate 72B381 Keep it going."

This message is false, it is a hoax that was circulated earlier this year and has again been sent to various cell phones as well as over the internet through the social media web-site "Twitter".

For further information, please see the below link which details the hoax message.

<http://urbanlegends.about.com/b/2009/02/10/fake-amber-alert-spreads-far-and-wide-and-fast-via-sms-twitter.htm>

Again, the OCPD is advising this is a hoax "Amber Alert". The OCPD has issued no such alert and is currently investigating the hoax text message for possible criminal violation.

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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@ococcean.com