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# NEWS RELEASE

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## **FCSO Warns of Scam Targeting Military Families**



The Flagler County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) wants to warn residents of a new scam targeting military families with fraudulent phone calls. TRICARE first reported concerns about fraudulent calls from the number (516) 253-2565 in late May. They say scammers are encouraging people to give them their personal identifying information. TRICARE and its contractors will never call and ask for sensitive information or health information over the phone.

"It is a shame that anyone would try to defraud a military family," said Sheriff Rick Staly. "We want everyone to be aware of these frauds. If you receive a phone call from anyone claiming to be from TRICARE or anyone asking for your personal information - HANG UP. Don't give confidential information over the phone to anyone you don't know and trust."

FCSO asks that if you receive a call from (516)-253-2565, or anyone claiming to be a TRICARE representative who asks you for your personal identifying information, to hang up immediately and call the TRICARE "Fraud Hotline" at 1-877-968-7455.

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