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BE AWARE OF POSSIBLE SCAM PHONE CALLS

PURCELLVILLE, Va. June 15, 2016 - The Purcellville Police Department reminds citizens to be vigilant about potential scams through phone calls and emails. In the latest incident, a local business received a call from a person purporting to be with Dominion Power. The caller stated that the business had not paid its bills, which was a false statement. The business's employee called the number back, in which the answerer again claimed to be with Dominion Power. Upon being questioned, the scammer hung up the phone.

Dominion Power is aware of this particular scam, which is received from a phone number of 1-800-380-1822. Calls from this number are not from Dominion Power.

The Purcellville Police Department provides the following tips for demonstrating caution with personal information:

- Do not share personal or banking information with someone unless you have verified they represent a legitimate business
- Do not be intimidated by phone callers who make demands for immediate payment or threaten to cut off utilities
- To verify information from a utility or bank, find your most recent bill or statement and call the number listed
- Protect your information on the Internet by using unique passwords
- Do not provide your passwords to phone callers

If you are the recipient or victim of a scam, please report the incident by calling the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office Non-Emergency Number at 703-777-1021. A Purcellville Police Officer will be dispatched to take your information.

The Town of Purcellville, Virginia

Purcellville is an award-winning town of nearly 8,500 residents located in Loudoun County, approximately 40 miles west of Washington, DC. It has been honored for its green initiatives, most recently with the prestigious Siemens Sustainability Award for Small Communities. The Town has an elected Mayor and six Town Council members. Once a stop along the W&OD rail line, Purcellville has maintained its historic old-town feel through the restoration and maintenance of its many downtown structures, reflecting the Victorian architecture popular during the early 1900s. Today, Purcellville is the economic hub of western Loudoun County and a popular weekend destination for antiquing, entertainment, farmer's markets, wineries, breweries, distilleries and restaurants. More info at www.purcellvilleva.gov.

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