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**NATURE OF INCIDENT: Fraud Alert**  
**CASE NO.:**  
**INCIDENT DATE :01/12/2015**  
**INCIDENT TIME:**  
**INCIDENT LOCATION: Duluth, MN**  
**SUBJECT: Fraud Alert**  
**BY: DPD Public Information Officer Ron Tinsley (218) 391-1510**

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## **Fraud Alert**

**Scammers Falsely Purporting to be Calling from the Treasury Office of Inspector General, Office of Investigations; the Treasury Office of Legal Affairs or Emailing from the Office of the Secretary of The Treasury: Scammers call an individual asserting that the individual has been awarded a grant or a similar sum of money and request personal information or a sum of money to “release” the funds. The Treasury does not have such a program. Likewise, e-mails promising a sum of money and purporting to be from the Treasury Secretary or his staff are false. We urge recipients of such calls or e-mails to be extremely wary of any scheme requiring an advance payment for a later promise of funds—these are hallmarks of scams. A similar scam is a caller falsely representing that he is from the Internal Revenue Service or impersonating an investigator from this Office and demanding payment or information. These callers have been described as threatening or abusive, and tell victims they need to make immediate payment to forestall arrest. THESE ARE FRAUDS. PLEASE EXERCISE CAUTION IN YOUR DEALINGS WITH ANYONE PURPORTING TO BE FROM A GOVERNMENT AGENCY AND DEMANDING MONEY OR INFORMATION. Further information concerning one type of these frauds is available at:**

**<http://www.irs.gov/uac/Newsroom/IRS-Repeats-Warning-about-Phone-Scams>**

