

Alert: Text Scam targeting bank information

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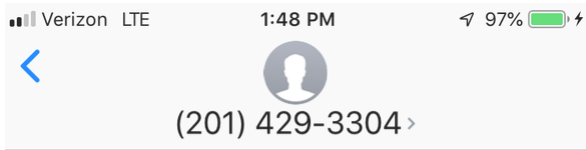
Local citizens and businesses are being targeted recently by a text message scam seeking banking information, said Caddo Sheriff Steve Prator.

Recently, citizens of Caddo Parish and surrounding areas have been receiving text messages claiming their bank card has been temporarily locked. The messages instruct you to call a number provided in the text message to have the card unlocked. If you call the number, scammers will ask for important bank information such as: PIN numbers, Social Security number, or other bank information. Scammers will then use this information to make fraudulent withdrawals from bank accounts.

CPSO Sgt. Casey Jones (Caddo-Shreveport Financial Crimes Task Force) provided the following tips to citizens to avoid falling victim to these scams:

- Never call the number provided in the message or phone call
- Always contact your bank through a trusted number; this can be done by searching your financial institution's website or by contacting your local branch
- Don't give personal information, bank account info, PIN numbers, or credit/debit card information over the phone.

Attachments



Text Message
Today 1:43 PM

Notice-269078
from:Chase-Bank.
Code: Your Card is
temporary locked.
Please call us now at
[201-429-3304](tel:201-429-3304) to un-
lock.