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Residential Rental Internet Scam

Plainfield, IL – The Plainfield Police Department wants to make everyone aware of an internet scam targeting residential homes for sale or rent. In the past few days, the Plainfield Police have been made aware of two (2) incidents from residents reporting this scam. In both incidents, the resident either had their home listed for rent or for sale through licensed brokers. The resident received numerous telephone calls from people inquiring into renting the homes at a far less price than listed. In both incidents, a fraudulent email account was established using the names of the resident. Upon looking into the incidents, it appears the scam originated in Europe in which the offender requests the interested renters to wire the first months rent to them, even though the offender is not associated with the actual internet listing.

Please complete a thorough check of a listed property to determined the validity of the listing prior to sending any money.

Anyone needing additional information, please contacted Detective Sergeant Kevin McQuaid at (815) 267-7209.

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