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BEWARE: Scammers Pose as DEA Agents and Wallingford Police Officers

On 1-18-2023, the Wallingford Police Department received a complaint of fraud from a citizen in Town. The citizen said they received a telephone call from people claiming to be a DEA Agent, and a Wallingford Police Officer. The scammers asked the citizen to purchase several gift cards, and to send pictures of those cards to them. The scammers warned that if the citizen did not send the items they asked for, then they would come and arrest the citizen.

During this fraud scheme, the scammers spoofed the Wallingford Police Department main telephone line (203)-294-2800, to make it seem like the victim actually received a call from the Police Department.

The Wallingford Police Department asks citizens to use caution. We will NEVER call to ask you to buy gift cards, send us money, or conduct monetary transactions on our behalf. If you receive a suspicious call or email from someone claiming to be law enforcement, please stop down to see us at our headquarters (135 North Main Street) or call (203)294-2800 to speak with a dispatcher so we can assist you.

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