



CITY OF DOVER, NEW HAMPSHIRE

POLICE DEPARTMENT



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The Dover Police Department uncovered an attempted scam of a Hooksett resident as he passed through the city. On August 31, 2016 around 1025 a.m., a Dover Police officer stopped the victim's vehicle after witnessing the operator driving while talking on a cell phone. When the officer interviewed the driver, he alleged that he was on the phone with a person who had kidnapped his son and was demanding a ransom payment. That victim, believing the caller to be truthful, withdrew money from the bank and was in route to make a payment at a location set by the suspect.

The officer was suspicious of the situation, took steps to confirm that the incident was untrue and quickly made contact with the victim's son.

Although the crime was discovered in the City of Dover, it was later determined that the incident actually began in the Town of Lee, NH. As such, the investigation will continue by the Lee Police Department.

The Dover Police Department wants to remind citizens that they should immediately report any suspicious activity or phone calls to the police department before sending money. Additional information about common scams can be found on the State's Consumer Education website at: <http://www.nh.gov/consumer/scams/>

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