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NEWS RELEASE

Scam Alert: Fraudulent Calls from Hinesville Police Department Phone Number

HINESVILLE, Ga. (June 21, 2019) – The Hinesville Police Department would like to make the public aware that there is a phone scam occurring in Hinesville in which residents are receiving fraudulent calls from the Hinesville Police Department.

Residents will receive a call from an unknown number claiming to be the Social Security Administration. The caller states that an account has been created with the recipient's social security number and their identity is in jeopardy. Once this call has ended, they receive a follow up call that appears to come from the Hinesville Police Department. The caller will then state that the issue with their social security number is legitimate and should be taken seriously. The recipient is then instructed to call the unknown number back where they will be told to pay an amount determined by the caller in order to protect their identity.

If you receive a call like this, the Hinesville Police Department asks that you please do not engage with the caller and file a report with the police department by calling the main line at 912.368.8211 and ask to speak to an officer.

For more information, please contact the Hinesville Police Department at 912.368.8211 or Whitney Morris – Reed, Public Relations Manager, at 912.408.3569 or wmorrisreed@cityofhinesville.org.

ABOUT THE CITY OF HINESVILLE:

The [City of Hinesville](http://www.cityofhinesville.org) was established in 1837 and is recognized as one of the fastest growing cities in the State of Georgia in both size and population. As the largest city in Liberty County, it serves as the county seat and is home to more than 35,000 people. For more information, visit [cityofhinesville.org](http://www.cityofhinesville.org).

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