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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **West Orange Police warn of Social Security phone scam**

**WEST ORANGE, N.J.** (WOPD) January 31, 2019 -- West Orange Police are warning residents not to fall for a phone call scam from a purported “Social Security agent” demanding personal information or payment.

The calls are part of an ongoing scam identified by the Social Security Administration.

Someone claiming to be a Social Security agent advises the victim his or her Social Security number has been associated with criminal activity and is suspended.

The Social Security Administration warns anyone receiving the call not to engage with the caller or provide any personal information. The call should be reported to the Office of the Inspector General at 1-800-269-0271 or online at <https://oig.ssa.gov/report>.

For more information visit <https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/blog/2018/12/what-social-security-scam-sounds>, or call WOPD at 973-325-4000.

