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Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation Warns of Scam Claiming Involvement from Board of Dentistry

CHICAGO – The Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation is warning of a phone scam where the caller claims to be from the Illinois Board of Dentistry. The scammer spoofs the call number to make it appear like it is from a Department number (217-785-0800). At least one call has been reported in Illinois already, and a similar scam has <u>also been reported by</u> the Iowa Dental Board.

Please be advised:

- The Board of Dentistry will never call someone and demand money or information. If you receive a phone call like this, hang up immediately.
- Never give your credit card number or personal identifying information over the phone if you did not initiate the call.
- Be wary of callers who try to intimidate you into making a quick decision or ask you to "act immediately."

For more information on the different types of phones scams, please go to the Illinois Attorney General's website.