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TELEPHONE SCAM ALERT

Maryland State Board of Dental Examiners

It has come to the attention of the Maryland State Dental Board that dental offices across the State may be the subject of telephone scam artists posing as either Dental Board employees or law enforcement agents stating that the dentist's license is associated with either drug trafficking, money laundering, or other criminal activity which is causing their license to be in jeopardy of suspension. The caller may then seek to obtain cash or personal information from you and may threaten administrative or criminal action for failure to cooperate. Note that the caller may be able to manipulate caller ID so that it appears that the Dental Board is the source of the call. In addition, the caller may be fraudulently using the name of an actual Board employee since the names of the Board's staff are commonly known.

Do not provide money or any personal information to such callers. Be aware that the caller may know your full name, office telephone number, and license number that you have on file with the Board, since that information is available by law to third parties.

Under no circumstances does the Dental Board ask that you provide cash, credit card, banking, or other financial information by telephone, e-mail, or other electronic communication. The Board will not call and ask for an individual's license number.

If you are a dentist, dental hygienist, or dental radiation technologist in Maryland, and you believe that you are a victim of identity theft, you are strongly urged to immediately file a report with local police, notify the Maryland Attorney General's Identity Theft Unit at 410-576-6491, and place fraud alerts with the three major credit bureaus.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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