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CALL TAKERS AT THE CITY OF ROCKFORD'S 9-1-1 CENTER FIELDED COMPLAINTS TODAY FROM TWO BUSINESSES WHO SAID THEY RECEIVED CALLS FROM SOMEONE CLAIMING HE WAS "ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE ROCKFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT AND CRIME STOPPERS." IN BOTH CASES, A MALE CALLER IDENTIFYING HIMSELF AS "MIKE" REQUESTED MONETARY DONATIONS FROM AN UNKNOWN NUMBER.

THE ROCKFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT AND CRIME STOPPERS ARE NOT ACTIVELY SOLICITING FOR MONETARY DONATIONS OVER THE TELEPHONE. SHOULD YOU RECEIVE A CALL FROM AN INDIVIDUAL ASKING FOR MONEY ON BEHALF OF ROCKFORD POLICE OR CRIME STOPPERS, REPORT THE PHONE NUMBER TO YOUR LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY.

- : SHERIFF
- : CHIEF DEPUTY
- : DEPUTY CHIEF OF DETECTIVE BUREAU
- : DEPUTY CHIEF OF PATROL BUREAU
- : DEPUTY CHIEF OF ADMINISTRATIVE BUREAU
- : DEPUTY CHIEF OF SUPPORT SERVICES
- : SUPERINTENDENT OF CORRECTIONS
- : ACCREDITATION MANAGER
- : MACHESNEY PARK SECTION SUPERVISOR
- : FOREST PRESERVE SECTION SUPERVISOR
- : ESDA SECTION DIRECTOR
- : PATROL ROLL CALL BOOK
- : Public Information Officer
- : 1ST FLOOR BULLETIN BOARD
- : WEB SITE COORDINATOR

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SHERIFF GARY CARUANA

SUPERVISOR AUTHORIZING RELEASE

DATE: <u>02/ 04/16</u> TIME: <u>1300 HOURS</u>