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**Telephone Phishing/Scam, March 24, 2016**

The University of Rhode Island Police Department has been made aware of at least one case of attempted fraud targeting a URI student and their family.

**The Attempted Fraud**
The student involved received a phone call from the telephone number appearing as 401-222-2080, which happens to be the main number for Rhode Island Governor Gina Raimondo’s office.

The caller claimed to be a police officer and claimed to have a warrant for the student’s arrest. The caller then tried to get personal information from the student at which time she hung up. The caller tried to call back several times.

The student later learned that one of her parents had received a call from apparently the same person claiming to be her professor and asking for her personal phone number.

**THIS IS A SCAM. If you or a family member receives such a call, do not give out any personal information. Members of the University community may call the University Police Department at 401-874-2121 to report any such calls. You may also report incidents to your local police or the State Police.**

Keep Secure
The University Police Department advises all students, faculty and staff to check their personal information settings on e-Campus.

• **Students**: The University's online public directory lists your name, phone, email and address. To change this, log onto the eCampus Self Service Center to remove any information you do not want included in the directory. You will find links to settings for personal information, privacy settings and the federal Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (known as FERPA) restrictions. These pages list all the items you can elect to allow or not allow the University of Rhode Island to release. If you have questions, please contact the Help Desk at helpdesk@uri.edu or 401-874-4357 (401-URI-HELP).

• **Faculty and Staff**: Your online directory listing may also be adjusted on eCampus. The "URI Directory Profile" is available from the Self Service menu link.

Thank you.