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This message is sent on behalf of the Department of Public Safety.

Telephone Phishing/Scam

The University of Rhode Island Police Department has been made aware of several cases of attempted fraud targeting URI students and their families, including those directed to many international students.

The Attempted Fraud
Targeted students (or their parents) may receive a phone call from the telephone number appearing as 401-272-8310, which happens to be the main number for the FBI. The caller claims to be from the IRS. The caller states that the student or family owes "unpaid taxes for school loans," or there is some other illegitimate reason for the call. The caller says that the person will be arrested if they do not send money and then attempts to have the money sent electronically.

THIS IS A SCAM. If you or a family member receives such a call do not send money electronically or give your bank account number in any of these or similar cases!

University Police are working with the FBI on these cases. Members of the University community may call the University Police Department at 401-874-2121 or Detective Mark Brasil at 401-874-5580 to report any such calls. You may also report incidents to the FBI Providence office at 401-272-8310.
Keep Secure

The University Police Department wants to advise 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.