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Fraud Alert!

PECO Impostor Scam – Local Police Warn Residents & Businesses

Three Doylestown Borough restaurants tell police they recently were scammed by people claiming to be PECO representatives.

Central Bucks Regional Police Department is sharing their stories with the hopes of preventing more scams. The total loss to local business owners was more than \$1,660 due to the scam, police said.

According to police, in the circumstances surrounding the three incidents, a man claiming to be a PECO representative called and said he was on the way over to shut the power off unless the electric bill was paid immediately.

The caller demanded the owners purchase prepaid credit cards and call a toll-free number to pay the bill. “Once the call is made, the number on the card is given and the ‘representative’ transfers the money to their account,” police said.

Police are warning residents and business owners to ignore any requests involving the purchase of debit cards to pay outstanding invoices. If one of these scammers contacts you, immediately hang up and contact PECO at 1-800-841-4141. Then call the police department so the incident can be documented and investigated.

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