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For immediate release:

Mayor Davis Urges Public to be Wary of Scammers

Mayor Jimmy Davis advised residents to be wary of scammers. Recently, scammers have telephoned Bayonne residents with bogus claims about being from the City or Bayonne, a medical practice, or other legitimate-sounding offices. They are able to mask their real phone numbers and use the phone numbers of others to appear legitimate on caller ID. Mayor Davis said, "In one attempted scam, fraudsters have telephoned Bayonne residents with requests for their Medicare identification numbers. Please do not give Medicare ID numbers, other personal information, or money to scammers." With Medicare ID numbers, fraudsters attempt to bill Medicare for phony medical services.

The Bayonne Police Department posted an advisory online that says, "Bottom line is if anyone requests personal information, payment via gift card, bitcoin, money transfer, etc., it is probably a scam. If something does not add up, hang up."

Mayor Davis continued, "If a stranger calls you to ask for personal financial information or identification numbers, do not provide anything. Get off the phone and advise the Bayonne Police Department about the attempted scam."

If you need to report a crime or an attempted scam, please contact the Bayonne Police Department at 201-858-6900. To report an emergency, please call 9-1-1.