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*******PHYSICIAN ALERT*******

UPDATE

BE ADVISED THESE CALLS ARE GOING AROUND AGAIN! Please report to PS Bley if you get one!

This office was contacted by officers from the Kettering Health System Police and TriHealth Security regarding some suspicious calls **Physicians** have received from subjects pretending to be **DEA (Drug Enforcement Administration) Agents** and telling them that they are under investigation with the DEA. These scammers even set up phone numbers that come back registered to “**DEA GSA**” if you look them up in public databases. The return phone numbers used have automated voice messages that sound computer generated but state “**US Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Inspections**” and go so far as to say to call 911 if this is an emergency. They use addresses and other information that come back to DEA facilities. In the calls they will give badge numbers and case numbers which all are fake. It is very authentic sounding.

The scam uses different “**DEA Agent**” names such as **Robert Johnson, Eduardo Chavez, and Sherry Jones**. The “AGENT” has a very pronounced foreign accent. They usually tell the physician that they are under investigation for drugs found somewhere with their name on them. They can be QUITE pushy and even rude as they “Question” the doctor. Eventually this leads to a threat of arrest if the doctor does not send a form of payment for “bail”. It is similar to an IRS scam going around where a request is made but payment can only be made with gift cards.

These same scams have targeted PHARMACISTS in the past.

The DEA would not contact anyone via phone regarding an arrest or investigation and request payment of bail.

IF YOU RECEIVE ONE OF THESE CALLS PLEASE REPORT IT IMMEDIATELY TO THE DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION (DEA) AT DEA.GOV OR CONTACT PS/TFO BLEY(INFO BELOW).

Thank-you in advance for your assistance,

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