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Bank Commissioner Warns of Telephone Scam

Bank Commissioner Peter C. Hildreth today warned consumers that, “The New Hampshire Banking Department does not call individuals to verify bank account information.” The Commissioner stated that today a consumer received a telephone call from someone who claimed to be an employee of the State of New Hampshire Banking Department. The caller then stated that she was calling to verify account information at a New Hampshire Credit Union. When the consumer stated that she had closed the account with the credit union, the caller hung up.

Commissioner Hildreth advised New Hampshire residents that employees of the New Hampshire Banking Department do not call individuals to verify account information. The Bank Commissioner further advised that, “Anyone receiving such a call should not provide the information, should attempt to obtain the telephone number of the caller and should immediately contact the New Hampshire Banking Department at 271-3561.”

Hildreth stated, “New Hampshire consumers should be very concerned about requests for personal financial information via telephone or e-mail from people that they do not know or with whom they do not have any existing relationship.” The Commissioner further recommended that, “Consumers should contact the New Hampshire Banking Department to ensure that individuals or companies are licensed to do business in the State of New Hampshire.”

The State of New Hampshire Banking Department licenses First Mortgage Bankers and Brokers, Second Mortgage Home Loan Lenders, Retail Sellers, Sales Finance Companies and Small Loan Lenders including both Title and PayDay Lenders. In addition the Department regulates all New Hampshire chartered Banks, Credit Unions and Trust Companies. If you have any questions about these entities please contact the Banking Department at 271-3561.