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The Nampa Police Department would like to give warning regarding another potential scam. A citizen has reported getting called from an Idaho phone number (208 area code) claiming to be the "Maltese Lottery Association". The caller asks for personal information (name, social security number, address, etc....) to send winnings.

Our detectives followed up on the information provided by the local reporting party and called the number they provided. The individual had a thick accent and claimed to be a Nampa coffee shop; however, they would not provide any address. The phone number is not traceable and they would not provide any further information to the investigator.

Technology exists which allows scammers to design a local number such as this from a distant place (foreign country or another state). We can no longer assume that because a phone number on caller ID has a 208 area code it must be an Idaho number. This is another tactic used by scammers to appeal to those in the community.

We applaud the actions of this citizen in reporting this to the police promptly so we could attempt to verify authenticity and get the word out to the community. We would like to remind people that they should never release personal information or banking information to an unknown source on the internet or phone. Ask who they are, where they are located and how to reach them. After all, they are the ones who called you and should be willing to give specific information. Then call the police IMMEDIATELY and inform us about your concerns. We are unaware of any victims who have lost money to this scammer.

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