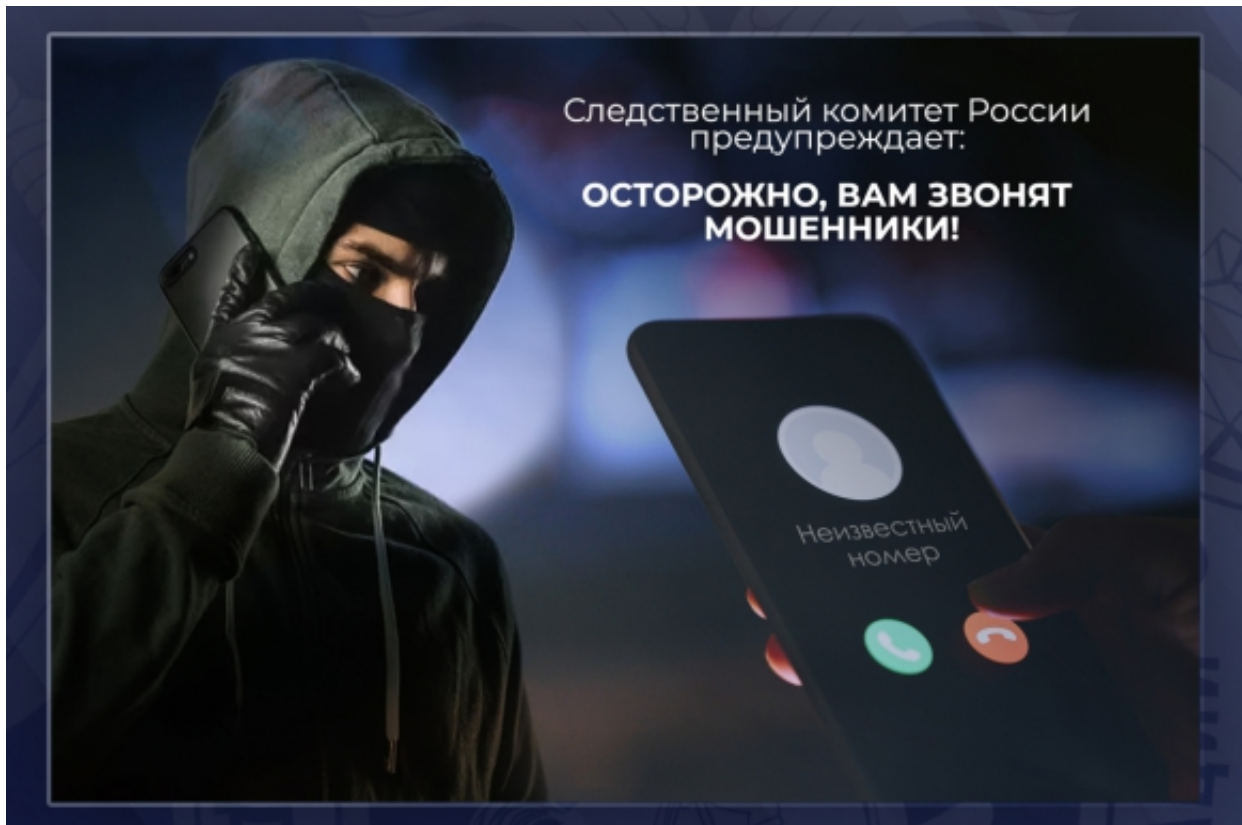

The Investigative Committee of Russia warns: beware, scammers !!!



Recently, cases of citizens applications to Law Enforcement Agencies with appeals on the facts of crimes committed by persons who introduce themselves as Officers of the Investigative Committee of the Russian Federation have become more frequent.

So, earlier, the Chairman of the Investigative Committee of the Russian Federation instructed to organize a procedural inspection on the fact of fraudulent actions against a 76-year-old Muscovite, whom unknown people convinced to sell the only housing, posing as Officers of the Russian Investigative Committee.

In addition, the media reported that a Chinese citizen applied to the Police of St. Petersburg, who stated that unknown people under the guise of Officers of the Russian Investigative Committee, stole a large amount of money from him at gunpoint.

Considering the growth of fraudulent crimes by fake Officers of the Department, the Investigative

Committee of Russia calls on citizens to be vigilant and careful.

All Investigators of the Investigative Committee of the Russian Federation conduct all inspections and investigative activities exclusively in the Directorates of the Department, they inform citizens in writing, and indicate their status, grounds for calling, as well as the time and place of the meeting. In addition, the investigator has an official ID, which, can be presented to a citizen upon request, in order to confirm the official position taken in the Investigative Body.

We also draw your attention to the fact that Law Enforcement officers do not make demands for the alienation of property, in particular, the transfer of funds to any accounts. They don't do it over the phone or face-to-face.

In addition, the Officers of the Investigative Committee of Russia do not carry out investigative actions by telephone. And if they call you and, posing as an Investigator, tell you that you need to be interrogated by phone and to answer the questions about your bank accounts or deposits, then you need to finish such a dialogue and to report this to Law Enforcement Agencies.

It should be remembered that scammers often use threats to convince the victim not to call back to Government Agencies and Financial Organizations to confirm information, allegedly because "disclosure of confidential information may occur, for which the current legislation provides for liability." Such statements are illegal and they are designed to intimidate and ignorance of the citizen.

The Investigative Committee of Russia urges citizens to follow simple rules of financial security. The first one is not to make financial transactions on instructions received during telephone conversations. The second one is not to disclose bank card details, PIN, CVC/CVV codes and one-time passwords to anyone to confirm transactions.

If someone calls you and pretend to be a Law Enforcement Officer, please confirm the information provided by calling the hotlines of the relevant Government Agency. If the scammers pose themselves as Investigators of the Investigative Committee of Russia, you can use the phones posted on the Official Websites of the Regional Investigative Directorate (in accordance with your place of residence), as well as the helpline of the Investigative Committee of Russia 8 (800) 100-12-60 (works only for receiving incoming calls).

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