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Notice to Public of Telephone Fraud Alert
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On August 28, 2011, a Monroe County resident received a call from an unknown individual who claimed to be a collect call operator. This unknown individual asked for the resident's credit card information in order to transfer a call from a family member in the hospital. After receiving the credit card information, the unknown individual immediately hung up. The resident grew suspicious. While the resident established contact with family members, the culprit made a \$100.00 transaction using the victim's credit card.

The Monroe County Sheriff's Office would like to remind the public to be cautious with giving out sensitive personal information – especially credit card information. If you suspect that you have become a victim of fraud, please contact the Monroe County Sheriff's Office at (812)-349-2780. For information on how to protect your personal information or what to do when your personal information is compromised, please visit <http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/edu/microsites/idtheft/index.html>.