

Supervisor Romaine Warns Residents to Beware of Solar Panel Phone Scammers

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Farmingville, NY – Supervisor Ed Romaine is warning residents to beware of phone scammers falsely representing solar companies and claiming to be in partnership with the Town of Brookhaven to secure federal grants for the installation of solar panels. Many residents have contacted the Town to report that they received calls from the scammers who request personal and financial information in order to begin the grant process. Although the caller I.D. shows up as a Long Island number, the calls are actually generated from out of state. The Town is not currently associated with a solar power company for government grants and does not endorse any one company over another.

Supervisor Romaine said, “What these callers are doing is illegal. They prey on unsuspecting people and often target the elderly to collect Social Security, credit card and bank account numbers. Everyone should be vigilant because these people are very convincing. If you give them the information, they could wipe out your life savings.”

If a resident gets a call that they believe is a scam, they should not provide any personal information. Hang up immediately and file a complaint with the New York State Attorney General’s office at www.ag.ny.gov/complaint-forms or call 1-800-771-7755.

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