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Attorney General Jackley Warns South Dakota Businesses of Credit Card Scam

PIERRE, S.D – Attorney General Marty Jackley today warned business owners to be cautious of a telemarketing scam that begins with the potential customer seeking to purchase various retail items with a credit card. Several lumber suppliers have been subject to this scam.

The scam begins with a telephone call to the business for a direct retail purchase with a credit card, typically a large quantity or number of items. Once the sale is completed the scammer will call back to cancel the sale, but will request that the refund be placed on a different credit card than what was used at the time of the original sale.

“Businesses need to proceed with caution when answering unsolicited phone calls, emails or text messages even from potential customers,” said Jackley. “Businesses are being encouraged to obtain additional credit card information from the customer. If the customer is reluctant to provide contact information or requests that a refund be placed on a different credit card then that may signal a concern.”

If you have been a victim of this scam or need additional information contact the Consumer Protection Division at 1-800-300-1986 or email at consumerhelp@state.sd.us.