CRIME ALERT

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This crime alert is to inform you about fraudulent scams involving individuals posing as United States Postal Service employees and Chinese Law Enforcement officials directed at several members of our university community.

Several students have reported receiving phone calls from persons impersonating United States Postal Service employees. These callers allege that the victims sent illegal packages to China and will face criminal charges. The victims are then contacted by phone or via Skype by individuals posing as Chinese Law Enforcement officials who speak in Mandarin and direct them to wire money or provide personal information including passport information, phone numbers, and banking accounts.

We urge anyone that is targeted in this manner to contact University Police immediately at 412-268-2323.

General Prevention and Safety Tips:

- Never provide personal information to strangers.
- Don't discuss financial matters or conduct financial transactions over the phone or computer with unfamiliar parties.
- Hang up if you receive any suspicious phone calls.
- Don’t accept calls from unknown phone numbers.

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