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Deputy Johnson with the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office contacted me letting me know that calls were going out to the citizens of Montgomery County from the Clerk's office phone number. The caller identified himself as Sgt. James Wheeler and was asking callers to call him back.

Deputy Johnson explained this is known as "spoofing." Spoofing allows a caller to make an incoming call appear to be originating from a different phone number in order to give the appearance of a legitimate phone call.

If you believe that you have received a scam call, and have further questions, contact Deputy Johnson at (240) 777-7041. If you have lost money to these scammers, please contact the Montgomery County Department of Police at 301-279-8000

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