

## Beware the ?Microsoft Scam?

Grey County OPP remind the public to be aware of a common fraud known as the ?Microsoft Scam?.

The Microsoft scam works on the basis of a phone call from a person claiming to be a representative of Microsoft. The person tells you there is a problem with your computer (usually a virus) and offers to repair the computer; but in order for them to do this; they will require access to your computer (passwords) and request your credit card information.

On Thursday, May 15, 2014, at 9:33 p.m., police received a call from a Township of Chatsworth man reporting that last month he had granted a ?Microsoft? person remote access to his computer and paid for the service using PAYPAL. After realizing he had been scammed, he purchased a new computer for fear of what may have been done to his old computer.

On Thursday, May 15th, the victim received another call from the fraudster and when he refused his services, the fraudster yelled and swore at him. Many scammers try to trick you into providing your banking and personal details. Never provide personal information or banking information to anybody you don't know and trust.

Anyone receiving a phone call of this nature should simply hang up. If you are having problems with your computer, locate a reputable computer repair business for assistance.

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