



For Immediate Release
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District Attorney Nola Tedesco Foulston is warning consumers about a person claiming to be making a collection call regarding the consumer's Westar Energy electric bill. The caller has an accent and requests confidential information from the consumer including their social security number and account number.

Westar Energy has confirmed with the District Attorney's office that these calls are not from Westar and that any consumer receiving such a call should not give out any information. Further, Westar wants to remind consumers that it would not ask for personal information in connection with a collection call as its records would already be complete. If any consumer wants to confirm the legitimacy of a call from a person purporting to be a Westar representative, the consumer should call Westar at 1.800.383.1183.

If you receive a call from a person purporting to make a collection call on behalf of Westar Energy, you should report such a call to the District Attorney's Office at 660.3653. Additionally, the District Attorney's office reminds you never to give out personal information to any person unknown to you.

For additional consumer information, contact the Consumer Fraud and Economic Crimes Division of the District Attorney's Office at 660-3653 or go to the District Attorney's website at <http://sedgwickcounty.org/da> for helpful links

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