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NEWS RELEASE

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The Norfolk Police Division has been notified that scam has resurfaced in Northeast Nebraska. An individual or a group of individuals posing as former Nebraska State Senator, Mike Flood, in contacting citizen over the phone and attempting to solicit “charitable donations” from members of the public. This same scam came to light in the fall of 2016.

The report indicates that the scammer identified himself as Mike Flood when contacting a resident in the Norfolk area. He then proceeded to ask the resident if she would be interested in donating money to benefit veterans. Mike Flood’s office confirmed that they are not soliciting charitable donations at this time.

Phone scammers often impersonate public figures or government officials in an attempt to coerce you into sending them money or to steal your personal information. Scammers are getting bolder, more creative and more aggressive and can mask their true identities to convince unsuspecting victims their demands for money or information are legitimate. Regardless of their tactics, their goal is the same: to trick you into losing your hard earned money.

If you would like to report this scam, please contact the Norfolk Police Division or the Consumer Protection Division of the Attorney General’s Office at protectthegoodlife.nebraska.gov or 800-727-6432. You can also find information on their website about how to make an informed decision when donating to charity.

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