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The Greenwich Police Department would like to inform its citizens about a news release from the Social Security Administration that pertains to an e-mail scam that is attempting to obtain personal information through a Cost-of-Living for 2007 Update scam.

The Social Security Administration has received several reports of an email message being circulated with the subject " Cost-of-Living for 2007 update" and purporting to be from the Social Security Administration.

The message provides information about the 3.3 percent benefit increase for 2007 and contains the following "**NOTE: We now need you to update your personal information. If this is not completed by November 11,2006, we will be forced to suspend your account indefinitely.**" The reader is then directed to a website designed to look like Social Security's Internet website.

Once directed to the phony website, the individual is asked to register for a password and to confirm their identity by providing personal information such as the individual's Social Security number, bank account information and credit card information.

To protect yourself from such scams, the police department would like to remind people to take precautions when giving out personal information over the Internet or telephone unless you are extremely confident of the source to whom you are providing the information.

To report receipt of this email message or other suspicious activity to the Social Security's Office of Inspector General, please call the OIG Hotline at 1-800269-0271. (If you are deaf or hard of hearing, call the OIG TTY number at 1-866-501-2101).

A Public Fraud Reporting form is also available online at OIG's website www.socialsecurity.gov/oig.