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East Central Health District

Restaurant Scam Identified in East Central Health District (ECHD)

Augusta, GA (July 14, 2017) - It has come to the attention of health officials within the East Central Health District that a scam targeting ethnic restaurants has occurred. The scammer called an Asian restaurant owner/manager and told the owner/manager that she was responsible for paying for their restaurant inspection. Unwittingly, the owner/manager gave them credit card information to pay for the inspection, and the person proceeded to charge to the card an amount well above what they stated.

The East Central Health District Environmental Health Section urges restaurant owners/managers throughout the district to be aware of this scam. "An annual food service fee is required upon receiving a bill from your local health department, however, routine restaurant inspections are not charged to the restaurant and they are conducted unannounced", so states Tim Mosley, Environmental Health County Manager.

Should someone call requesting payment for conducting a restaurant inspection, contact your local health department and/or your local law enforcement.

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