

## Warning Issued on Magazine Scam

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Over the past several days, Boone Police report that magazine sellers have been going door-to-door in the Boone area, saying that these sellers have been using a high-pressure sales pitch claiming to raise money for worthy causes. These sellers may claim to live in the area, but they say in reality, they may be a part of traveling groups enticed into the job by false claims of high wages. If it is a scam, the release says the money collected goes to a for-profit company. According to the North Carolina Attorney General's Office before purchasing a magazine subscription from someone selling door-to-door, you need to know who you're buying from:

According to the North Carolina Attorney General's Office before purchasing a magazine subscription from someone selling door-to-door, consumers should:

Only buy magazines from someone you know and trust. Beware of sellers who claim to live in the neighborhood if you don't recognize them.

Ask questions before you pay any money. If the seller claims that money will go to a school, hospital, or other worthy group, ask the seller to show you a letter of endorsement from that organization. Better yet, check directly with that organization.

If you decide to buy anyway, get a receipt that includes refund and contact information, the total cost of each subscription, and the date you'll receive the magazine.

Remember your three-day right to cancel. In North Carolina, you have three days to cancel certain purchases such as door-to-door sales even after you sign a contract and pay.

If you encounter door-to-door sales people that make you suspicious or uncomfortable, please contact the Boone Police Depart at 828-268-6900. If you feel threatened, call 911.