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Nemaha County Sheriff Warning of New Scam

The Nemaha County Sheriff's office is making the public aware of a new scam affecting businesses in the county.

Sheriff Rich Vernon says the scam involves unknown persons faxing out letters and financial information requests in the name of the USDA.

Vernon says the scam has surfaced in at least one Nemaha County business.

The USDA says the letters are false and in no case should a recipient respond with personal and financial information. The fraudulent letters bear USDA's logo and seal and are signed by an individual identified as "Frank Rutenberg" using a title of "Senior Procurement Officer".

The USDA is investigating the matter through the Office of the Inspector General.

Vernon says if you suspect you have received the scam letter you can call the Office of the Inspector General at 202-720-9448, the Nemaha County Sheriff's office at 785-336-2311 or your local police department.