

## SATELLITE TV SCAM

**BEWARE** – There is a new scam currently being executed which involves satellite TV subscribers. It has been brought to the Department's attention that individuals posing as a major satellite TV provider, contact satellite users with offers of better prices and free upgrades as a means of trapping victims into lengthy contracts.

The company identifies itself as major satellite network, but is not directly affiliated with the provider. They send a technician to the user's residence to install equipment and later present the user with a lengthy contract to be signed. The contract is legally binding and has an exorbitant cancellation fee. The technicians carry their equipment in the major satellite provider's packaging but do not wear uniforms or drive a company vehicle. The scam artists play on the major satellite provider's company name in order to deceive victims.

Avoid becoming a victim of this scam. Make certain to ask for a work order or any contract you will be expected to sign in advanced of any work being performed. Contact your provider and verify who was sent to your residence to perform the work before letting anyone in your home, and always ask the technician for identification upon arrival.