



ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

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Arizona Corporation Commission warns of Home Repair Scams Claiming to be Connected to ACC

(Phoenix) The Arizona Corporation Commission is warning residents nationwide about the ongoing scam that tries to convince people to buy into a home repair scheme. The callers claim to work for the Arizona Corporation Commission.

The victim in this most recent case is from Pennsylvania. She tells us she was contacted by a Greg Hanson informing her that she qualified for \$72,000.00 in grant money and she would need to spend \$2,160 in order to process the paperwork and secure the grant. Later, she was contacted by a Jonathan Mills who said then she qualified for \$147,800 and asked for \$15,000 for processing fees. At that point, the woman said "no" and asked for her original investment back which was not returned

The ACC was first alerted to this scam in October where New Hampshire and Massachusetts residents were contacted and urged to put \$1300 on their credit card to access a grant for home repairs. Those callers also claimed to be working through the Arizona Corporation Commission and used different names including Naomi Brooks, Mackenzie Brooks, and Kevin Martin. It is unclear if the two scams are connected. There is an ongoing investigation into those prior cases.

All cases have been referred to the Arizona Attorney General's Office and the victims have been advised to contact the authorities in their individual states. The Arizona Corporation Commission does not provide home repair grants and does not endorse any solicitations. If you receive a call like this in Arizona, contact the Arizona Attorney General's Office at (602) 542-5762, in Tucson at (520) 628-6504 or outside the Phoenix and Tucson metro areas at 1 (800) 352-8431. You can file a complaint online at the Arizona Attorney General's website at www.azag.gov. If you are outside of Arizona, contact the Attorney General in your state.

Established by Article 15 of the state's constitution, the Arizona Corporation Commission is responsible for the regulation of public utilities, overseeing the incorporation or registration of companies wishing to do business in Arizona. Additionally, the Corporation Commission registers and oversees securities offerings and dealers, and enforces railroad and pipeline safety. The five commissioners that make up the Commission are elected by the people of Arizona for a four-year term, with the option of serving for two consecutive terms. To learn more about the Arizona Corporation Commission and the Commissioners, please check out <http://www.azcc.gov/Divisions/Administration/about.asp>