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BEWARE OF 809 AREA CODE SCAM
Calls from 809 and Area Codes not in the US Can Cost

The Pocatello Police Department is alerting citizens of the huge fees associated with phone calls to a number with an 809 area code. Don't ever respond to phone calls, emails or web pages that require you to call an 809 phone number. If you call an 809 number from the U.S., you will be charged \$2,425 per minute.

The 809 area code is assigned to the Bahamas or Dominican Republic. Once you make the return call to the 809 number, you are either connected to a lengthy pre-recorded message, or you talk to a person who tries to keep you on the phone as long as possible. You will be billed for a phone call that may cost \$20,000. Since this is not a U. S. call, you will not be protected by U.S. regulations when it comes to disputing the bill. Complaints have also been associated with calls from 284, 649 and 876 area codes.

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