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State Fire Marshal Cautions Citizens About Unauthorized Alarm Salesmen

Jackson, MS – Commissioner of Insurance and State Fire Marshal Mike Chaney is cautioning citizens to be aware of reports of unauthorized alarm system salesmen in the area.

The manufacture, distribution, sale, installation and monitoring of all residential alarm systems in Mississippi is regulated by the Mississippi State Fire Marshal's Office, per the Mississippi Residential Electronic Protection Licensing Act passed by the state legislature in 2006.

"If someone comes to your door trying to sell an alarm system, ask to see their license and photo ID issued by the State Fire Marshal's Office," Chaney said.

He added that if the individual is unable to produce such an ID, they are not licensed or authorized to operate in the state and should be reported to the State Fire Marshal at 1-888-648-0877. If the individual acts in a suspicious manner you should contact local law enforcement authorities. If the individual is in a vehicle, write down and report the license tag number.