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The South Carolina Board of Dentistry is warning licensees that scam artists have begun posing as law enforcement officers, as well as U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) agents and medical board staff calling dental board licensees as part of an extortion scheme. The scammers are also sending letters purporting to be from the Dental Board's Board Executive Amy Holleman.

Scammers posing as law enforcement or as DEA agents may tell victims their license is suspended for illegal drug trafficking and the suspension means they will not be able to practice. The scammers may later attempt to provide an agreement to you that includes statements that licensees are not to share or disclose the investigation to any third party and agree to a fee.

The scammers' phone number may show up as the Dental Board's telephone number, 803-896-4599, or, if posing as law enforcement, they may impersonate actual law enforcement officers using their real names. Please note, law enforcement officers, DEA agents and dental board staff will never contact physicians by telephone to demand money or any other form of payment. If you receive one of these calls, refuse the demand for payment. Please also consider the following:

If the caller is stating they are from the DEA, immediately report the threat using the [DEA's Extortion Scam Online Reporting form](#).

If the caller insists that they speak with you right away, tell them that you'll call them back directly. At this point, some scammers will offer you a phone number as a way to verify they are who they say they are. Don't call the number the scammers provided; instead call the Dental Board at 803-896-4599.

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