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SUBJECT: Power Company - Phone Scam revealed; Port St. Lucie Police warn residents of fraud scam.

On March 15, 2016, Port St. Lucie Police went to a restaurant located in the 10,000 block of S. US Highway 1 for reports of a Power Company Scam.

During the investigation officers learned that the victim received a call from a suspect whom identified himself as a representative of the power company. The suspect told the restaurant owner that his power to the business would be shut off in 30 minutes unless the victim paid a past due amount of \$1,014.31.00. To avoid losing business, the victim went to a local CVS store and bought two Green dot cards to cover the alleged past due power bill.

After sending the money to the suspect, the victim checked his power bill and discovered that he did not owe any back payments and was in fact scammed.

The Port St. Lucie Police Department is warning residents of this type of “Power Company” – Phone scam.