BRUCE A. BLAKEMAN COUNTY EXECUTIVE



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SOCIAL MEDIA VS. REALITY: BEHIND THE SCREENS OF INTERNET EXTORTION

WHAT EXTORTION IS:

Extorters convince you that sending your private information or photos to them is a good idea

Once in possession of your sensitive material, extorters:

- Threaten to send your content across the internet
- Threaten to harm you, your family and friends
- Demand money
- Hack your social media or bank accounts

HOW TO PREVENT IT:

BEWARE OF STRANGER DANGER!

Anyone can be behind the screen pretending to be someone else. DO NOT send:

- Intimate photos or videos
- Copies of driver's licenses or passports
- Credit card or bank account information
- Social media usernames or passwords

<u>I'M BEING BLACKMAILED, WHAT DO I DO?</u> DO NOT SEND MONEY. CALL 911

Screenshot the conversation, photos & profile and block the account