

Caller - "Somebody called me from this number, what do you want?"

Me – "You've reached City/County Information, we are the main operator for both the City of Portland and Multnomah County government. We don't typically call people but we have a lot of numbers that roll over to us. Do you know what number it was that called you?"

Caller – "988-5090"

Me – "That is a Multnomah County number but it isn't really a functioning number that would call you. We have had an issue for a while now with overseas telemarketers hi-jacking that number to show on people's caller IDs in hopes that they will pickup the phone because they think someone from the County is trying to reach them. If someone were calling you from the County they would leave you a name and real functioning County number so you can safely assume it was not a legitimate call."

If they persist that they think someone from the County may have been trying to reach them or if they are not sure what County number it was that called, then I ask them if they were expecting a call from someone at the County and if so who, as you could attempt to connect them there.