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The Cumberland County Sheriff Office has received several calls in the last couple of hours of people in the Greater Portland area receiving a cell phone text message claiming that the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office is looking for a, "Black male for a string of rapes and assaults and considered extremely dangerous." The text message goes on to state that the male is HIV positive and his motive is to infect as many people as possible and the asks the receiver to forward the message (there is also a picture attached).

There is **NO** active investigation of this caliber that the Sheriff's Office is involved in. The originator of the text messages is unknown and the information being provided is false.

Additional questions can be referred to Captain Don Goulet, 774.1444 ext. 2110.

Prepared by,
Captain Goulet

