

City of Gulfport  
**News Release**  
Police Department PIO [www.gulfport-ms.gov/police](http://www.gulfport-ms.gov/police)



*Chief Alan Weatherford today announced that:*

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The Gulfport Police Department has received recent complaints from local businesses that have been solicited for money donations by individuals representing themselves as members of the Gulfport Police Department. The Gulfport Police Department is not conducting any such activities.

All Gulfport Police personnel that represent themselves as such will have proper identification available upon request. Any questions or concerns about validating the identity of an individual can be made by contacting the Gulfport Police Department.

All citizens and businesses that encounter such solicitation are encouraged to contact the Gulfport Police Department at 868-5900.

***“Building a safer Gulfport together”***