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Media Release

Beware phone calls threatening legal action

In the past three weeks the Central Highlands Community Legal Centre has been approached by two extremely distressed elderly ladies who have reported that they have been contacted by telephone by an individual claiming to be from a company called CPR Global who claimed to have previously registered the victim on a Do Not Call Register and are now seeking payment from the victim for that service. The caller tells the victims that they must pay up thousands of dollars in order to settle the debt, or CPR Global will issue legal proceedings against the victim in the Federal Magistrates' Court in Sydney in a few days' time.

This is a scam and has been confirmed by the Federal Circuit Court in Sydney; the Federal Magistrate's Court has not operated since April 2013.

If you wish to register for the Do Not Call Register contact The Australian Communications and Media Authority on 1300 792 958. This is free service.

The Central Highlands Community Legal Centre urges anyone who has been contacted in relation to this scam to contact SCAMwatch on 1300 795 995 or alternatively access their website at www.scamwatch.gov.au

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