On the evening of October 5, 2016, several individuals in the MSU community reported receiving text messages instructing them to evacuate campus and/or buildings on campus. These messages came to the attention of the MSU Police Department, which immediately determined that they did not originate from our emergency notification system – MSU Alert.

A police report regarding this matter has been generated and an investigation has begun in an attempt to determine the source and intent of the sender(s). It should be noted that several universities across the state report having received similar messages around the same time period.

MSU PD wishes to assure the community that the integrity of our emergency notification system has not been compromised and that any authentic emergency messages will be transmitted through MSU Alert. Recipients can verify the authenticity of MSU emergency text messages by checking for one of the two shortcodes used by our vendor, e2Campus, which are 70359 and 79516. In a limited number of phones, the message may appear to come from no-reply@omnilert.net. Authentic MSU emergency text messages will originate from one of these two shortcodes or the email address listed above.

Anyone having information about this matter is urged to contact MSU PD Investigator George Ohmstede at 940-397-6238 or George.ohmstede@mwsu.edu.

If you have any questions about this advisory, please feel free to contact Patrick Coggins, Chief of Police at either of the following:

Office: (940) 397-4239
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You may also report a crime anonymously at our MSU PD web site: http://webforms.mwsu.edu/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=m2LJ452&