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Marathon County Clerk Warns of Fraudulent Calls and Reminds Voters Polling Places will be Open on Election Day

Wausau, Wis., November 7, 2022 – The Marathon County Clerk's Office is warning voters of fraudulent calls stating their polling place will be closed on Election Day. All designated polling locations in Marathon County will be open 7:00 am to 8:00 pm on Tuesday, November 8, for voting.

In most instances, the fraudsters call an elderly person and ask who they will be voting for before informing them that their polling place will be closed on Election Day. The fraudulent calls appear to be coming from a phone number that has been spoofed, a tactic used to disguise the actual number the call is originating from so the call appears to be from a trusted source with a local area code or legitimate phone number.

"It's important that anyone receiving one of these calls know that this is a scam," shared Marathon County Clerk Kim Trueblood. "All designated polling locations in Marathon County will be open tomorrow."

Marathon County residents who receive one of these calls are asked to report it to the Marathon County Sheriff's Office by calling 715-261-1200.

Voters are reminded they will never be required to disclose who they are voting for. To find your polling location or other election information, visit <u>myvote.wi.gov</u>.