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## **Watch Out for This Hitman Text Message Scam**

Receiving an unexpected message from an unknown number can make you a little wary.

Normally it's just someone you haven't spoken to in a while. But unfortunately, it's also another opportunity for scammers to take advantage of you. A lot of people simply don't reply to strange texts. But if you thought your life was at stake, would you still ignore it?

People in Maryland and Pennsylvania have been receiving threats from a supposed hitman: "I've been paid to kill you but wish to spare you. Inform the police or anyone else you die. To be spared, contact vsdky@hotmail[.]com immediately via email."

Police believe the messages came from a scammer, not a hitman. They warned that the message could contain a virus that infects your phone and then sends the message to all of your contacts. They also warned that replying to the email could enable the scammer to download everything from your phone.