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You Be the Judge

Decide whether or not you feel the news snippets below are true or not and provide opinions or proof to support your claims/findings:

- ① “Bananas grown in certain countries can cause the flesh eating disease.”



- ② “Warning, eating waxed apples cause cancer.”



- ③ “Grapefruits can cause some dangerous reactions to some prescription drugs.”



❶ “Bananas grown in certain countries can cause the flesh eating disease.”

FAKE: SNOPEs reports that this hoax warned against bananas imported from Costa Rica and began circulating December 1999, a few more reports happened later and those too were fake.

❷ “Warning, eating waxed apples cause cancer.”

FAKE—apples are waxed with a food grade wax to help preserve them and to provide a longer shelf life. There is no known carcinogens. It is always good to wash apples prior to eating them.

❸ “Grapefruits can cause some dangerous reactions to some prescription drugs.

TRUE—there are approximately 43 known drugs that cause serious complications, some of which are life threatening when mixed with the consumption of grapefruits.