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## April 3, 2023 - "April fools!" Your Cell Phone is NOT Off...

Ever since I got my first cellular phone I assumed that when I powered it off it was dead to the world. This last month I got direct proof that I was dead wrong!

I decided to change from AT&T cell service to Consumer Cellular (keeping my same phone number) to cut my monthly bill in half even though AT&T had been my trusted cell provider for decades. Money now-a-days is more important. At the same time I decided to upgrade myself from an old iPhone 6 model to a newer iPhone X that was on hand.



I received the new Consumer Cellular SIM card (a SIM card carries your phone number associated with the cell service provider) in the mail promptly installing it in the iPhone X and turned it on. It would not register with the cell network because the old iPhone 6 was active. Silly me, I powered down the old iPhone 6. It was turned off but, still the newer iPhone X would not register.



Was the old iPhone 6 actually not powered off and still registering with my phone number on the cell network? I placed the powered up iPhone X next to the old iPhone 6 that was turned off and removed the old AT&T SIM card from the old iPhone 6. At the same time my iPhone X showed it was now registered with the cell network through Consumer Cellular! Removing the SIM card from the old powered down iPhone 6 did the trick. That means even with power off the cell phone is still connected and active. Still responding to the cellular network. So, now I know why Hollywood spy movies always show spies destroying or throwing away their cell phones when they need to not be tracked. It is actually real life not just Hollywood fiction...

Peace, David

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