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The Sheriff's Office has, once again, been notified of a scam involving someone identifying himself as an employee of the Sheriff's Office. This has happened more than a dozen times this week. Victims received phone calls demanding immediate payment for unpaid fines or unsatisfied warrants usually related to the false allegation of missing jury duty.

Scammers prey on people with these official sounding phone calls and make threats of incarceration to make good people feel desperate and concerned. Please don't fall into the trap. Do not give your personal information out to someone who calls you. Do not pay someone over the phone with a gift card or prepaid debit card unless you initiated the purchase.

The Sheriff's Office does not collect fines by phone. If you have been a victim of this scam call the local law enforcement agency in your jurisdiction.

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