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SCAM ALERT AND WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

We continue to experience numerous scams and would like to provide some tools to share with your family and friends.

The Sheriff's Office will **NEVER** call and ask you to pay fines or costs over the phone by any means (gift cards, Western Union, and etc...) for **ANY** reason. **PERIOD!** There are ways to complete those transactions if you are part of the criminal justice system.

This includes calls related to, but, not limited to:

- ✓ Missing County or Federal Jury Duty
- ✓ Bench Warrant issued against you
- ✓ Warrant for missing a court appearance/medical malpractice hearing
- ✓ Failure to respond to a Subpoena
- ✓ Contempt of Court
- ✓ Failure to Appear

The caller will most likely have certain information about you to make you think the call is legitimate and they will try to keep you on the phone.

HANG UP IMMEDIATELY!!

The caller may also rattle off case numbers and official sounding language that will make you have second thoughts and second guess yourself.

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- 1) For any warrant, you would have previously committed a crime and you would have already interacted with the police.
- 2) For Jury duty, you would have previously received a letter in the mail from the county or federal court with instructions on serving and appearing for jury selection.

If you aren't sure the call is legitimate, **HANG UP IMMEDIATELY!!!** You can call the office they are representing if you would like to be sure.

NEVER GIVE ANY FINANCIAL INFORMATION OVER THE PHONE UNLESS YOU INITIATE THE CALL TO A REPUTABLE BUSINESS!