



WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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PRESS RELEASE

Arrest Warrant Telephone Scam Continues in the Community



November 26, 2016 – The Washington County Sheriff's Office continues to receive reports about a scam where someone representing themselves as a Sheriff's Lieutenant directs the victim to load money onto a prepaid cash card to avoid arrest for missing jury duty. A new victim is willing to speak to the media.

On November 25, 2016, a 70-year-old Washington County man was contacted by phone by someone who purported to be a lieutenant with the Sheriff's Office. The man was told there was a warrant for his arrest for missing jury duty. The man was then directed to a nearby grocery store and instructed to load almost \$2,000 onto prepaid cash cards. The man then provided the card access codes to the suspect.

Unfortunately, this scam continues in the community. Victims report the following similarities:

- They are contacted by phone by a convincing person purporting to be a law enforcement officer;
- The suspect names a specific Washington County judge and claims the judge has issued a warrant due to the victim missing jury duty;
- The victim is directed to a nearby grocery or convenience store with specific instructions on loading a pre-paid cash card;
- The victim is instructed to provide the suspect with the numbers on the card;

The Washington County Sheriff's Office requests the media's assistance in alerting the public about this scam.

This is a reminder that a law enforcement agency will never request fines to be paid by means of a prepaid card. Information about warrants can be confirmed in person at the sheriff's office.

Anyone who has been victimized by this scam is encouraged to report the incident to non-emergency dispatch at 503-629-0111.

The victim is willing to speak to the media.

Video Resource:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q_dMiZLO1IY