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PRESS RELEASE

PHONE SCAMMERS CLAIMING TO BE DEPUTIES SEEKING MONEY FOR FAILURE TO APPEAR FOR JURY DUTY

The Delaware County Sheriff's Office, Courthouse Park Police and Jury staff recently received reports about scam phone calls originating from unknown phone numbers, or possibly a "spoofed" number, appearing to be from the Delaware County Sheriff's Office.

The scammers are representing themselves as Delaware County employees or Sheriff's Deputies. They tell the target there is a warrant for their arrest, or they are subject to arrest for failing to appear for jury duty. There are also other versions of this scam.

The scammers then request payment, often MoneyPak, GreenDot, or some other type of prepaid money, or gift card as payment to avoid arrest. They may ask for personal information such as a social security number of bank account information.

If you receive this type of call, HANG UP! Do not give anyone any personal information, bank account numbers, a money order, or purchase any type of money card, or gift card if requested to do so over the telephone.

The Delaware County Sheriff's Office, or Jury Services will never contact anyone by telephone and ask you for personal or account information, or payment of any kind to avoid jury duty or arrest.

If you receive a call, please contact the Sheriff's Office at (610) 891-4296.