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Here's the latest variant of the same old phone scam. Residents are getting calls from criminals claiming to be Sgt. Collins, Lt. Davis, Capt. Godley and others from our office, saying that they either 1) have a warrant 2) missed jury duty or 3) some similar scheme. They offer a "civil way" out of the situation by paying money in Bitcoin through an ATM or by phone by buying prepaid debit cards. They sound very convincing and try to get you scared, in a hurry to resolve things, and thinking irrationally.

PLEASE REMEMBER

- 1) If we have a warrant we will **NOT** call.
- 2) If we have a warrant we will **NOT** bargain.
- 3) If we have a warrant you WILL go to jail.
- 4) We **DON'T** collect money in lieu of you going to jail.
- 5) We do **NOT** call about missing jury duty.
- 6) No one but CRIMINALS ask for payment with debit/gift cards/bitcoin transfers.
- 7) Gift cards are for GIFTS. **DON'T** do it!
- 8) Cryptocurrency transfers via ATM are NOT for official business... especially NOT for government business. CRIMINALS
- 9) **HANG UP** on these criminals!
- 10) If in doubt, hang up and call our office/other law enforcement to ask.
- 11) <u>PLEASE help your family and friends</u> by making sure they are aware. People keep losing money like this. Don't give these criminals your hard earned money.