



## BOONE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

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### Media Release

Incident: Scam Alert  
Location: Boone County, Missouri  
Date & time: Evening of May 12, 2014  
Case Number: n/a

#### Details:

A Boone County resident today reported receiving three phone calls last evening from a subject stating he was a sergeant with the Boone County Sheriff's Department, and that a warrant had been issued for the resident's arrest for failing to appear for jury duty. The scammer then gave directions to the resident that in order to clear up the matter, they needed to go to a local Walgreens store and purchase a \$500.00 cash reserve card, and then call them back with the card number. The resident fortunately recognized this as a scam and did not comply with the unknown caller's directions.

The Boone County Sheriff's Department would like to warn the community that this is a scam. We do not make phone calls regarding failure to report for jury duty and never ask citizens to obtain cash reserve cards and call us back with the card number.

The actual procedure for a person failing to report for jury duty involves being served in-person by a uniformed deputy sheriff with a "Show Cause" order, which is an order to appear in court to explain why the person failed to report for jury duty. No phone calls requesting money or cash cards are ever made.

The public is reminded to treat all phone solicitations with great skepticism. Never provide personal information, debit/credit card numbers, or bank account information to any person that calls purporting to be a legitimate entity or enterprise. Legitimate entities will not make such requests over the phone.

Other current popular phone scams involve a caller claiming to call on behalf of a relative that has been arrested in another state and requires bail money, and yet another involves subjects claiming to be from Publisher's Clearing House wanting to arrange for the person to collect their prize. These are all scams. To protect yourself, do not participate and hang up on the caller.

Release date & time: May 13, 2014 at 2:00 p.m.  
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