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Media Release

Incident: Telephone Scams
Location: Boone County
Date & time: 2015
Case Number: NA

Details:

The Boone County Sheriff's Department is again asking citizens to be aware of telephone scams where criminals are claiming to represent legitimate businesses, charities and government agencies and asking for personal and financial information.

Recently citizens have reported to the Sheriff's Department receiving telephone calls from scammers stating arrest warrants have been issued for non-payment of income taxes or for failure to report for jury duty. In each case the scammer requests the citizen provide a debit or credit card number or purchase a Green Dot card to provide payment to rectify the situation.

The Sheriff's Department has also received reports of scammers telephoning citizens that a virus has been detected on their computer and it can be removed by providing a debit or credit card number. Other telephone scams include criminals telling citizens they have "won" a grand prize, vacation or new car but in order to collect they will have to pay a fee using a debit or credit card. These types of con artists also become active at times of natural disasters, claiming to be collecting money on behalf of charitable organizations.

Citizens should NEVER provide personal, financial or other private information to an unsolicited telephone caller. Governmental agencies DO NOT telephone citizens asking for payment with a debit, credit or Green Dot card. ***CITIZENS SHOULD ALWAYS BE SKEPTICAL OF A TELEPHONE CALL FROM A PERSON THEY DO NOT KNOW!***

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