



Office Of The Sheriff - Henry County

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TOPIC: Telephone Fraud Growing in Henry County

The Henry County Sheriff's Office is getting calls and emails from an increasing number of concerned residents. They are receiving phone calls from persons saying that they are with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and are requesting personal information. In reality these phone calls are intended to deceive Henry County residents. This is an ongoing scam!

Sheriff Keith McBrayer stated, "These scammers are well rehearsed and they don't care if the person they call doesn't take the bait, they just dial another number and start their act over again." It starts with a phone call and is perpetrated by using a variety of deceptive scenarios all of which are intended to end by fraudulently getting money from the victim.

They may even camouflage their phone number to look like it came from a local IRS office. The intended victim is told they will be prosecuted if they do not pay. The deceptive caller tells the targeted victim that if the debt is paid immediately by credit or debit card the case will be closed. They sometimes know personal information which makes the call seem even more credible.

"I want our citizens to know that the Internal Revenue Service does NOT solicit payment over the telephone. We are unaware of any other law enforcement agency or court system that does this form of transaction." Sheriff McBrayer added. "If you receive a call like this, don't engage in conversation, just hang up and report it to your local law enforcement immediately."

Please share this information with others and help law enforcement keep more innocent people from becoming victims.