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**PRESS RELEASE**

**PHONE SCAMMERS RESURFACE**

The Delaware County Sheriff's Office has received reports that another round of scam calls have been happening.

The scammers typically represent themselves as sheriff's deputies. With the use of 'spoofing' technology the actual Sheriff's Office number may appear on the caller ID.

The scammers tell the target that they are subject to arrest for any number of things. There are many versions of the scam.

The scammers will always end up requesting payment of some type as a bail, or bond to avoid arrest. The target will be directed to withdrawal money from the bank and may be directed to Media to the Courthouse, Sheriff's Office or a kiosk. Inevitably, the directions will change and the target will be re-directed to go to a retail establishment and purchase gift or pre-paid money cards. The caller may even claim that you will get the money back after a fictitious court appearance. They will then ask over the phone for the pertinent information on the cards. Often they will direct the target to then mail the cards to an address – potentially a legitimate address but once they have been given the numbers and pin for the cards, the money is already gone.

**Do not withdraw money, buy pre-paid money or gift cards ever for this! This is a scam.**

**If you receive this type of call, HANG UP!**

**The Delaware County Sheriff's Office, will never contact anyone by telephone and ask for payment of any kind to avoid arrest, ever!**