



News Release - Johnson County (Kan.) Sheriff's Office

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Phone Scam Alert

Olathe, Kan. – The Johnson County Sheriff's Office has received reports of scammers identifying themselves as sheriff's deputies in an attempt to solicit money.

The scam involves a person calling and identifying themselves as an employee with the sheriff's office. Scammers have gone so far as to give a badge number and/or serial number. The caller tells the potential victim they have a warrant because they failed to appear in court for a Johnson County traffic camera citation. The callers have also instructed the potential victims that they need to purchase a Green Dot Money pack to send to them.

The sheriff's office became aware of this scam after being notified by residents who had received calls and were concerned it might have been a scam.

The sheriff's office procedure for contacting those with warrants does not include a demand for immediate bond payment. Anyone believing they have been a victim of the scam should contact the sheriff's office or their local police department.

There is a resource for the public to check on outstanding warrants out of Johnson County District Court at www.jocosherriff.org.

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