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HPD Warns Residents of Scam

Harrisonburg, VA – The Harrisonburg Police Department (HPD) has recently been made aware of a scam aimed at residents regarding missed jury duty.

The scam involves individuals calling local residents and impersonating Chaz W. Haywood, Clerk of Court in Harrisonburg and Rockingham County. Scammers posing as the Clerk of Court tell victims that they have missed jury duty and are required to pay fines and fees as a result. In most cases, the victims are told to purchase Green Dot cards, a pre-paid money card, and provide the scammers with the card number.

Residents are reminded to never provide personal or financial information over the phone. The Rockingham County Clerk of Court office does not instruct residents to provide monetary payments over the phone, or give direction to make a payment in this manner.

If you feel that you may have been a victim of a scam, contact your local law enforcement agency.

The Harrisonburg Police Department requests for anyone with information related to these or other scams to contact us by calling (540) 437-2650. Those who have information and wish to remain anonymous may do so by calling Crime Solvers at (540) 574-5050 or by texting "HPD" plus their time to CRIMES (274637).

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