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HPD Investigates Scam Calls

Harrisonburg, Va. – Harrisonburg, Va. – The Harrisonburg Police Department (HPD) is currently investigating a recent scam reported by area residents.

Over the weekend, two separate residents reported that they received phone calls from an unknown male stating that he was “Sergeant Sullivan” with the Rockingham County Sheriff’s Office (RCSO). The male stated that the victims had missed jury duty or a court appearance and were being fined. The male threatened to arrest the victims should they fail to pay. The male demanded payment in form of pre-paid cards; he then instructed the victim to read him the card information over the phone. Both times, the male threatened that he was tracking the victim.

This is similar to a scam last October where the caller claimed to be the Clerk of Court informing the victim that they had missed jury duty and requesting they pay a fine. The Court Office along with the RCSO will never ask for payment to be made over the phone or in the manner of prepaid cards.

HPD would like to again remind residents that they should not provide personal or financial information over the phone. If an unknown person is asking you to purchase gift cards or wire money, it is more than likely a scam. If you are concerned about possible missed court appearances, contact the Court Office of RCSO directly. If you believe that you have been targeted by this or other scams, please contact HPD.

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 tip to CRIMES (274637).

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