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ALERT TO THE PUBLIC REGARDING A TELEPHONE FRAUD SCAM

RIVERSIDE, CA – On March 16, 2014, the Riverside Police Department received information of a possible telephone scam that has been occurring throughout the city and county of Riverside.

There have been recent reports that members of the public have been contacted by someone claiming to be a Lieutenant or an employee from the Sheriff's Department who demands payment via a Green Dot transaction to clear up an outstanding warrant. Callers are being told they do not need to show up for required jury duty, but they have to pay a fine to clear up the outstanding warrant. The caller also attempts to obtain personal information over the telephone.

It is not common practice for the Riverside County Sheriff's Department and/or the Riverside Police Department to call citizens to notify the public of any outstanding warrants. Any similar calls are fraudulent and have no connection with the Riverside Police Department, Riverside County Sheriff's Department or the Superior Courts of California.

If you receive such a phone call from someone demanding payment for an outstanding jury warrant, immediately report the situation to your local law enforcement. Riverside Police can be contacted at (951) 354-2007.



