
LANE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
NEWS RELEASE



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NATURE OF STORY: Scam Alert: Caller Impersonating a Member of the Sheriff's Office

DETAILS:

The Sheriff's Office would like to alert the community of a phone scam that was recently reported where community members are receiving phone calls from someone claiming to be from the Sheriff's Office. The caller asks for money from the community member and threatens arrest them if they do not pay, or the caller leaves a message saying the recipient has a warrant for their arrest and to call the scammer back.

While the Lane County Sheriff's Office does contact community members via the telephone in the course of investigations, the Sheriff's Office does not contact community members via the telephone to alert them of warrants or demand money in lieu of arrest.

If you are the recipient of one of these phone calls, please report it to the Sheriff's Office at 541-682-4141.

You can help decrease your chances of becoming a victim of phone scams.

- Do not give out any of your personal information over the phone, including name, address, bank information, or information about your family. If a caller pressures you about giving up personal information, it's likely a scam.
- Check out a charity or a business before sending money to ensure authenticity. If the caller is from a government agency, contact that government agency at their publicly listed phone number to verify any information you were given.
- If you suspect a scam, hang up the phone immediately and report it to your local police agency.

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