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*****PRESS RELEASE***
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The Harrison County Sheriff's Office has been getting reports from citizens that a group of phone scammers are targeting people in our area using a common phone scam that impersonates a police officer who claims they have a warrant/fines on them or their loved ones and then demands immediate payment to avoid being arrested.

They will falsely claim to be a real sheriff deputy, often using the rank of Sergeant, and then demand payment usually by cash, gift card, crypto, payment app, or wire transfer.

- Real law enforcement officers will never call you to threaten arrest.
- Real law enforcement officers will never demand that you pay fines immediately over the phone.
- Only scammers will demand immediate payment by cash, gift card, crypto, payment app, or wire transfer.

Here are some articles from the FTC about these types of common scams.

<https://www.ftc.gov/business-guidance/blog/2023/08/just-what-doctor-didnt-order>

<https://consumer.ftc.gov/articles/avoiding-and-reporting-gift-card-scams>

<https://consumer.ftc.gov/features/how-avoid-imposter-scams>

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