

Phone Scam Alert

Crooks use clever schemes to defraud millions of people every year. They often combine sophisticated technology with age-old tricks to get people to send money or give out personal information. They add new twists to old schemes and pressure people to make important decisions on the spot.

If the phone caller is telling you any of the following, you may be getting scammed:

- You owe taxes and the IRS is coming to arrest you.
- The Sheriff's Office has a warrant for your arrest.
- Your grandchild is in jail, or injured out of the country, needing money, but don't tell mom or dad.
- Pay the fine or fee with a gift card and call me back with the numbers on the back of the card.
- Your computer has a virus and you need to allow remote access to fix it.
- Your credit card rates can be reduced.
- Your car warranty is expiring and can be extended.
- You have won a vacation at our five star resort.

What to do when the scammer calls:

- Hang up the phone!
- Call a trusted relative, friend, or the business directly to verify the information if you think there might be some truth to it.
- Don't give any personal information over the phone.

To report a phone scam, go to:

www.FTC.gov

If you lost money to a scam, call 9-1-1



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