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Jury Duty Fraud Scam

The Anderson County Sheriff's Department is warning the public about phone scam. The Sheriff's Department has received a report of a man who placed a phone to a victim and identified himself as a sheriff's deputy. The scammer informed the victim they have missed jury duty and requested they purchase a money order for a certain amount to pay the fines. He then asks the victim to meet him to pay and avoid going to jail. This scam has apparently been attempted in Anderson County and in the Clinton area.

The caller ID of the scammer shows "Warrants Division" but that is fake and this is a scam. This is the same scam that has been circulating this week in Knox County. There are several variations of scams targeting our area. The callers are claiming to be officers with various law enforcement agencies and are collecting funds for missed jury duty or outstanding warrants. In most of the scams, the caller request that funds be paid by purchasing either a prepaid credit card or money order.

Law enforcement agencies do not operate in this manner. No matter how threatening the phone calls may sound these are scams. If you receive a similar phone call, do not give the caller any money or give out any personal information. If you feel like you are a victim of a fraud or scam, please call the Sheriff's Communications Center at 865-457-2414 or your local law enforcement agency.

Sheriff Paul White