

## **Media Release**

## **Scam Alert**

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The Warren County Sheriff's Office has had several complaints about citizens being contacted by individuals identifying themselves as representatives of our agency and requesting money for various legal reasons.

The caller will identify themselves as an agency employee and possibly provide some information to the victim to validate they are a Sheriff's Office employee. They will then present a MISSED COURT DATE, OWED FINES, CRIMINAL OFFENSE or COURT PROCESS as the basis for calling. Additionally, the caller will seek money or some form of electronic transfer to keep warrants from being issued or an arrest being made.

The Warren County Sheriff's Office <u>DOES NOT</u> conduct business in this manner. Our employees do not arrange or accept money from the public in lieu of arrest or to resolve criminal or court-related matters.

This is a SCAM ALERT to help protect our citizens from criminals seeking to defraud them.

If anyone has been a victim of this type of crime, or has information, we ask our citizen(s) to reach out to the Warren County Sheriff's Office, at 513-695-1280, or e-mail crimetips@wcsooh.org.

Sergeant John Smith Criminal Investigations Section