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Scammers impersonating CCSO personnel

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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NORTH CHARLESTON, S.C. – The Charleston County Sheriff's Office is warning residents about phone scammers impersonating sheriff's personnel in attempts to fraudulently obtain money.

The scammers are using the names of actual CCSO personnel to threaten people with arrest if they don't get money. They have alleged that the victims missed a court date, skipped jury duty or have an arrest warrant, and that the victims must pay to resolve the issue.

The scammers often seek payment in prepaid debit cards. Once you give them the card number over the phone, they'll hang up. They'll sometimes even tell their victims, "You've been scammed!" before the line goes dead. And at that point, it's too late.

We would never ask for money over the phone to resolve such alleged issues, especially warrants. This is a common scam nationwide. The best defense is your own suspicion. If you get the call, hang up. Don't answer again. Block the number. Paying anything with prepaid cards over the phone is a definite red flag. Warrants are typically resolved with an arrest, not money.

If you've been a victim of this scam, report it to local law enforcement. In Charleston County, the number is 843-743-7200.

If you actually have a warrant in Charleston County, you can see us at our Detention Center at 3841 Leeds Ave., North Charleston.

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