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Sheriff's Office Warns of Scam Involving Callers Impersonating Deputies, Requesting Money for Outstanding Warrants

Pueblo, CO: The Pueblo County Sheriff's Office is again warning residents of a telephone scam in which callers are representing themselves as Sheriff's deputies and are requesting payment for alleged outstanding warrants.

The Pueblo County Sheriff's Office does not make calls regarding outstanding warrants and the office would never process payments for warrants by phone.

Several Pueblo County residents have recently reported receiving telephone calls from a deputy stating they have a bench warrant. The caller then demands payment via a money transfer from Western Union.

A spoof number is being used to make the calls, so the recipients believe it is coming from the Pueblo County Sheriff's Office. However, the telephone number where the calls originate is not a Pueblo County Sheriff's office number. When the number is called, a voice recording indicates the caller has reached the Pueblo County Sheriff's Office and the recording prompts callers through a menu of choices, but no one ever answers the calls. Scammers can use an app that makes the telephone numbers and recorded messages appear to be legitimate.

The Sheriff's Office reminds residents to never give personal or financial information over the phone unless they are certain it is a reputable source. If you are unsure whether the call is legitimate, hang up and call the department or agency to verify the legitimacy of the call.

If an individual has given personal or financial information to a suspected scammer, you are recommended to contact your financial institution and obtain credit reports to ensure your identity has not been stolen or fraudulently used.

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