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## **News Release**

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### **Scammers Impersonating Sheriff's Deputies Seeking Payment for Warrants**

**Pueblo, CO:** The Pueblo County Sheriff's Office is warning residents of a telephone scam where callers representing themselves as sheriff's deputies request payment for alleged outstanding warrants.

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

The scam, which has hit the community in the past, recently resurfaced with several unsuspecting victims falling for it. Several residents recently reported receiving telephone calls from a deputy stating they had a warrant. The caller demands payment for the warrant or threatens to arrest the individual if the warrant is not paid.

A spoof number is used to make the call, so recipients believe it is coming from the sheriff's office. However, the telephone number where the call originates from is not a Pueblo County Sheriff's Office number. Scammers can use an app that makes the telephone numbers appear 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, they should contact their financial institution and obtain credit reports to ensure their identity has not been stolen or fraudulently used.

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