

SCAM

ALERT



Criminals are targeting Clay County residents, especially senior citizens, using phone and social media scams.

Some of these scams involve persons claiming to be the following:

- Law Enforcement or Bondsman claiming a family member has been arrested.
- Government Agencies, such as the IRS.
- Organizations giving away prize money.
- Organizations giving out grant money.
- Organizations soliciting donations.

Do Not:

- Purchase gift cards to provide to unknown persons.
- Send money orders to unknown persons.
- Mail cash to unknown persons.

Do:

- Contact your local law enforcement agency if you have questions or concerns about someone trying to solicit money from you.
- Seek guidance from friends and/or family when you encounter persons soliciting money from you.

These scammers use lies, pressure tactics, threats, fear, or the lure of free money to convince victims to send them money. They will often advise the victim not to contact law enforcement, which is a red flag indicating they are not legitimate.

Legitimate companies and agencies will NEVER require you to send cash, prepaid cash cards, or gift cards.

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