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MEDIA RELEASE

Scam Phone Calls Using Names of Rock County Employees

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The Rock County Sheriff's Office has been made aware of additional recent fraudulent telephone calls to citizens where a male caller identifies himself as a Rock County Sergeant. In the latest incident, the suspect caller told the citizen she missed a court date failing to appear before a Rock County Judge and warned her active citations have been issued for contempt of court. The citizen asked to speak with a supervisor and the suspect hung up, called back and identified himself as a Rock County Lieutenant. Throughout the conversation, the suspect encouraged the citizen not to hang up or tell anybody about these phone calls prior to ending the call in frustration. In all instances, the suspect used real names of people employed by the County of Rock.

These phone calls are obviously fraudulent in nature and we want to continue to ensure the public at no time will the Rock County Sheriff's Office or any of its representatives call people asking for money. We have issued a number of press releases throughout the year which are similar in nature, but with the holiday season upon us we wanted to take this opportunity to report another attempted fraud that was brought to our attention today.

The Rock County Sheriff's Office encourages the public to let their family and friends know about these scam telephone calls, which are still under investigation. Anyone receiving calls of this nature should report it to the Rock County Communication Center by dialing (608) 757-2244.

As a friendly reminder, people should always use caution and be reminded not to give out any personal identifying information, credit card or banking information, pay monies or purchase gift cards unless they can verify it's from a trusted source.

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