



**LIVINGSTON COUNTY
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****SCAM ALERT****

On March 5th, 2019, the Livingston County Sheriff's Office received a report of individuals that were fraudulently posing as members of the Sheriff's Office and contacted a resident over the telephone. The subjects identified themselves as "Lieutenant David Miller" and "Chief Deputy David Aungst" both of which are not employees of the Sheriff's Office and advised the victim that he had outstanding warrants for his arrest. The suspects directed the victim to purchase prepaid gift cards in set amounts to "take care" of the warrants.

The Livingston County Sheriff's Office would like to remind the public of some rules to help avoid being victims of scam:

1. Never give out any personal information such as name, date of birth, social security number or financial information by phone, email or through internet.
2. Do not call the scammer via the caller ID or the number they provide. They can often manipulate caller ID and numbers to make it look like it's a local call.
3. Verify the identity of anyone claiming to be the police, IRS other government officials by researching and or contacting the agency direct.
4. Never provide ANY form of payment or transfer money to anyone wanting immediate payment especially in the form of prepaid gift cards, green dot cards, iTunes cards, or MoneyPak reloadable cards. These are not payment options for any legitimate business or government entity.
5. These types of scams often target our elderly population but anyone can be a victim. There are often consistent themes such as there are warrants for your arrest, a love one has been arrested and needs bond money, you missed jury duty and have fines or owe money to the IRS.

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If you feel that you are being targeted in a scam report it immediately to the Livingston County Sheriff's Office by contacting 517-546-2440 or contact your local law enforcement agency.

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