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Phone Scams continue in Yakima County

Yakima – Our office is reminding citizens of Yakima County of persistent telephone scammers demanding money for several reasons.

Our office has been receiving phone calls from citizens regarding the well known missing jury duty scam. A person is calling citizens saying they are Lieutenant Gary Lundon from our office. He is telling them they missed jury duty and they currently have a warrant for their arrest. The scammer is demanding people pay the fine or the police will arrest them. The phone number being used does come back to our office when dialed. Our office is not calling people and our office does not collect fines.

Another scam that we are being made aware of, are scammers calling people to fundraise for a law enforcement agency. Police Departments, Sheriff's Offices, and State Patrol agencies do not solicit money over the phone for any reason. These agencies are funded by the government.

Scammers are very convincing and tenacious. The best course of action when someone is trying to relieve you of your hard earned money is to hang up. If you think a phone call is odd, you can always call your local police department and ask them about the validity of the call.