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The St. Louis County Sheriff's Office wants to alert area residents to ongoing phone scams in which suspects pose as Sheriff's Deputies or other members of law enforcement to coerce victims into giving them money.

Scams have variations but generally the caller will claim to be a Sheriff's Deputy and tell the victim, falsely, that a warrant has been issued because they missed a court date, did not show up for jury duty, have an overdue fine or something similar, and they will be arrested unless they pay right away.

Callers intimidate victims by demanding payment and threatening them with arrest if they do not cooperate. They may demand that fines or fees be paid with money, credit cards, gift cards, payment apps, or even cryptocurrency.

The St. Louis County Sheriff's Office does not make calls asking for payments, and the office would never process payments for warrants or any other service by phone.

Further adding to the realism, the scammers may be spoofing the Sheriff's Office's phone numbers (making it appear the call is coming from the Sheriff's Office) or it may be an online created number, making it appear on caller ID that the call is coming from the St. Louis County Sheriff's Office.

If you are not sure, call the St. Louis County Sheriff's Office at 314-615-4724. Never make a payment, share your bank information, or any other personal identifying information to anyone claiming to be the St. Louis County Sheriff's Office.

Anyone who has been the victim of a scam should notify their financial institution and report it to their local police department.