



Cumberland County Sheriff's Office

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## MEDIA ALERT

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### Cumberland County Sheriff's Office Warn Residents of Phone Scam Asking for Gift Cards and Wire Transfers

**Carlisle, PA** – The Cumberland County Sheriff's Office warns residents about a phone scam in which the caller impersonates a Sheriff's Office Deputy. The caller tells the resident that there are several felonies and misdemeanors against them for not appearing for Grand Jury Duty. The Caller ID shows the phone number of the Sheriff's Office 717.240.6390.

The caller tells residents to go somewhere immediately but keeps them on the phone so that the caller does not have time or the ability to verify if the call is legitimate. The caller directs the resident to pay through a Visa gift card, or Walmart money wire transfer. The caller then asks the resident to give the wire transfer number, or card number over the phone.

The Sheriff's Office never asks for monies owed to the courts over the phone and does not handle failure to appear for any type of jury duty. The Cumberland County Court Administrators' Office does call residents who fail to appear for jury duty. However, the office does not ask for payment of any kind.

If residents receive any of these calls, or have given money, please contact your local law enforcement agency.

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