

Scammers Posing As KCSO, FBI, IRS Targeting Local Citizens

From the Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Office



The Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Office has received reports of citizens being called by parties claiming to be the Sheriff's Office and threatening them with arrest unless immediate payment is provided.

These parties are **spoofing (faking) the main KCSO phone number, 269-383-8821, in the caller ID field**. Once they make contact, they claim that they will arrest the citizen or their loved ones for unpaid traffic tickets, missed jury summons, missed child support, or other offenses unless an immediate payment is made across the phone, via gift card or phone card, or via a website they will provide.

This is part of a nationwide scam, with the scammers posing as the local law enforcement agency or a federal agency (such as the IRS, FBI, etc).

The KCSO, IRS, FBI, and other agencies will never contact you demanding immediate payment to avoid arrest or asking you to visit a specific website to make payment.

If you receive one of these scam phone calls, do not provide them with any information and do not follow their instructions to visit a 3rd party website. Simply hang up the phone.