

Telephone Warrant Scam Incidents See Uptick

Caution Urged With Companies Requesting Money Directly

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, COLORADO-January 10, 2019-The Steamboat Springs Police Department (SSPD) is seeing an uptick from a telephone scam and wants to remind residents to be aware of these prevalent scams.

The telephone calls in question appear on caller ID to come from the SSPD. The recipient is informed they have an unpaid fine; and if payment is not sent via wire transfer, a warrant will be issued. A few individuals have recently fallen victim to this particular scam locally.

“The Steamboat Springs Police Department does not conduct business in this manner,” said Commander Jerry Stabile. “Our agency never accepts wire transfers for payment of any sort and if citizens are ever in doubt, please give us a call directly.”

If you receive a call from someone claiming to be from the SSPD requesting money, please use caution. In addition, if you have been contacted by telephone regarding an unpaid fine or have been threatened with arrest, contact the SSPD to report the incident at 970.879.4344.

As a reminder, SSPD suggest before sharing any personal information to others, that you first confirm the validity through a phone call, online search or other means. In addition, do not send money or give out personal information such as date of birth, bank account, credit card numbers or social security numbers, in response to unexpected requests. Legitimate companies typically do not ask for personal information as a course of normal business.

Individuals should check their monthly credit card statements regularly and report anything suspicious to their credit card company immediately. Parents should monitor transactions by their children especially for online games, videos and programs.

“Steamboat is not immune to scammers and the clever tricks they use to get people to let down their guard,” continued Stabile. “The [FBI’s Internet Crime Complaint Center](#) is an important resource for citizens to learn about the latest scams, report suspicious activity and fraud attempts as well as access a variety of prevention tips.”

Anyone with additional questions or concerns about fraudulent activity, or any other crime is encouraged to contact the Steamboat Springs Police Department at 970.879.1144.

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