



IRON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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Press Release

For Immediate Release:

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RE: Law Enforcement Impersonator / Scam/ Fraud

Dear Press,

I'm asking for your help in spreading the word to all Utah citizens. Iron County is experiencing a significant increase in fraud-related incidents involving male individuals impersonating law enforcement officers from the Iron County Sheriff's Office. This is not just a problem but a serious impact on our community that we all need to address.

This individual has been contacting our citizens and demanding payment for outstanding warrants, citations, fail-to-appear summonses, fail-to-appear for jury selection, etc. The victims are being instructed to make payments at ATM/Bitcoin kiosks in grocery stores, local banks, or anywhere that can transfer funds, including Bitcoin.

I am urging you to alert our citizens that we are actively working to identify this person and are taking every possible measure to protect them. Unfortunately, we have received reports of citizens falling victim to this law enforcement impersonator.

It is vital to spread the word that this is a scam. Law enforcement officers from our agency and others across the state will never call citizens and ask them to make payments for any court-related matter.

We have been and will continue to share information about fraud protection on our Facebook page and website. We encourage citizens to be vigilant and to ask to speak with one of our deputies in person if they receive suspicious phone calls. This will empower them to avoid the tragic mistake of sending money to an imposter.

If you have any questions or have been a fraud victim in Iron County, please contact Iron County Dispatch (1-435-586-9445) to file a report.

I appreciate your help in this critical matter.

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