

WINNEBAGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE NEWS MEDIA RELEASE		NEWS RELEASE NUMBER 2017-001
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THE WINNEBAGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE HAS RECEIVED REPORTS OF CITIZENS GETTING PHONE CALLS FROM INDIVIDUALS CLAIMING TO BE A HIGH RANKING OFFICIAL WITH THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE OR A HIGH RANKING OFFICIAL WITH THE U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE IN ROCKFORD. THE INDIVIDUAL OR INDIVIDUALS TOLD THE CITIZENS THERE WOULD BE A WARRANT FOR THEIR ARREST FOR FAILURE TO APPEAR AT GRAND JURY. THE CITIZENS WERE THEN INSTRUCTED TO CALL AN 800 NUMBER TO TRANSFER MONEY FOR BOND PAYMENT FOR FAILING TO APPEAR BEFORE THE GRAND JURY.

IN ONE INSTANCE, A CITIZEN USED HIS DEBIT CARD TO TRANSFER \$2,400.00 CASH TO AN OFFICE IN GEORGIA VIA R-I-A FINANCIAL SERVICES AT WAL-MART.

NEITHER THE WINNEBAGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE NOR THE U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE CALLS CITIZENS AND DEMANDS BOND PAYMENTS FOR FAILURE TO APPEAR BEFORE A GRAND JURY.

THE WINNEBAGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IS URGING ANYONE WHO RECEIVES A SIMILAR CALL TO IMMEDIATELY REPORT THIS CONDUCT TO THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE AT 815-319-6317.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> : SHERIFF : CHIEF DEPUTY : DEPUTY CHIEF OF DETECTIVE BUREAU : DEPUTY CHIEF OF PATROL BUREAU : DEPUTY CHIEF OF ADMINISTRATIVE BUREAU : DEPUTY CHIEF OF SUPPORT SERVICES : SUPERINTENDENT OF CORRECTIONS : ACCREDITATION MANAGER : MACHESNEY PARK SECTION SUPERVISOR : FOREST PRESERVE SECTION SUPERVISOR : ESDA SECTION DIRECTOR : PATROL ROLL CALL BOOK : PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER : 1ST FLOOR BULLETIN BOARD : WEB SITE COORDINATOR 	<hr/> SHERIFF GARY CARUANA <hr/> SUPERVISOR AUTHORIZING RELEASE
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