## WINNEBAGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE NEWS MEDIA RELEASE INFORMATION: SCAM WARNING DATE: 04/27/18 TIME: 1700 HOURS PAGE 1 OF 1

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 WINNEBAGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE. 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 PURCHASE MONEY CARDS AND PROVIDE THE CALLER WITH THE CARD NUMBER AND SECURITY CODE UNDER THE SCRATCH OFF PROTECTOR.

THE WINNEBAGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE WILL NEVER CALL YOU AND DEMAND MONEY, OR ANY PURCHASING/GIFT CARD INFORMATION OVER THE PHONE.

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 815-319-6300.

: SHERIFF : CHIEF DEPUTY : DEPUTY CHIEF OF DETECTIVE BUREAU SHERIFF GARY CARUANA : DEPUTY CHIEF OF PATROL BUREAU SUPERVISOR AUTHORIZING RELEASE : DEPUTY CHIEF OF ADMINISTRATIVE BUREAU : DEPUTY CHIEF OF SUPPORT SERVICES : SUPERINTENDENT OF CORRECTIONS DATE: <u>04/27/18</u> TIME: <u>1700 HOURS</u> : 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 S/A-32C REVISED 07/01/12