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# Winnebago County Sheriff's Department



## News Release

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

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### TELEPHONE SCAM WARNING

The Winnebago County Sheriff's Office is issuing a scam warning to the public. Citizens have contacted the Sheriff's Office to report that they received a phone call from an individual who claims to be Chief Deputy Rick Ciganek of the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office. The caller has attempted to obtain money from the victims by stating they have a warrant for their arrest and will try and solicit money to vacate the warrant.

The Winnebago County Sheriff's Office warns people to be cautious when answering calls from numbers they do not recognize, especially if the caller asks for money. Individuals should never provide anyone with their personal credit card or bank information.

The Winnebago County Sheriff's Office does not call residents to tell them they have an outstanding warrant nor ask for any money.

The Winnebago County Sheriff's Office urges anyone who receives a similar call to report it immediately by call the non-emergency number at (815) 282-2600.

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