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# Winnebago County Sheriff's Department



## News Release

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### **Telephone Scam Warning**

The Winnebago County Sheriff's Department is issuing a scam warning to the public. Several citizens have contacted the Sheriff's Office to report that they received a phone call from an individual who claims to be a loved one or someone representing a loved one. The caller has attempted to obtain money from the victims by stating their loved one has been arrested and needs money to bond out of jail. In at least two of the cases, the victims were asked to withdraw large sums of money and send it to addresses outside of the State of Illinois.

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

The Winnebago County Sheriff's Office urges anyone who receives a similar call to report it immediately by calling (815) 319-6300.

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