



Scammers are impersonating the state Department of Revenue and sheriff's offices, officials shared in separate releases.

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*"No law enforcement, government agency or court will ask you to pay an outstanding fee via gift cards or cryptocurrency."*

Pennsylvania Attorney General's Office release

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Attorney General Dave Sunday said an emerging scam call uses a spoofed phone number and alleges to be the "sheriffs office."

Most times, the scammer tells the recipient about an alleged unpaid traffic ticket or legal matter, and says a sheriff's deputy is on the way with a warrant for arrest, and encourages the recipient not to hang up the phone.

"The scammer offers the resident a 'lifeline' to make an immediate payment via gift cards, wire transfer or utilizing a cryptocurrency ATM," the release says.

Residents who receive such a call should ask the caller to identify themselves with their badge number, the law enforcement agency they work for, and a telephone number for their office, the release says.

The recipient should ask them to hang up and call back. If the caller refuses, it is a scam, the release says.

Residents who have sent money and believe they have been scammed should contact their bank and the third-party money transmitter used to try to cancel the payment.

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