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Phone Scammers Targeting Western Dane County

July 26, 2017 –Tonight, the Dane County Sheriff's Office learned phone scammers may be targeting residents in western Dane County. A Village of Mazomanie citizen reported receiving a call from someone identifying himself as a law enforcement officer and demanding money to take care of a pending arrest warrant. No money was provided, but the telephone number was spoofed and displayed as the Black Earth Police Department phone number, making the call seem legitimate.

The Dane County Sheriff's Office wants to warn citizens there is no validity to this call. As far back as 2014, the Dane County Sheriff's Office has attempted to alert the public to a telephone scam, where callers are posing as law enforcement as a way to con citizens out of money.

Telephone and email scams can come in many different forms, so the most important thing for people to remember is to never send money or divulge personal or financial information to unknown callers.
