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Beware of Telephone Scammers

October 8, 2014 – Telephone scammers posing as local law enforcement are continuing to harass citizens in Dane County. Despite a warning to the public in early September, these individuals have not discontinued their attempts to scare innocent people out of large sums of cash.

Just in the last two days, the Dane County Sheriff's Office has received at least fifteen reports to the tip line from citizens who have received these calls. The reports state that someone is calling and identifying themselves as a member of the Dane County Sheriff's Office and advising that they missed jury duty and will need to pay a fine or risk being arrested.

The Sheriff's Office is not aware of anyone who has fallen for this scam and encourages citizens to continue to report such activity to our tip line, at 608-284-6900. The public should be aware that no local law enforcement agency collects fees in this manner, nor would law enforcement contact citizens regarding jury duty.

The Dane County Sheriff's Office is making every attempt to investigate the source of these calls, and is asking for the public's assistance in doing so. Any information related to this investigation can be left on our tip line, or via our website at <https://danesherriff.com/CrimeTips/criminalReport.aspx>. Tips may be made anonymously.

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