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Beware of Phone Scammer!

Madison, WI. February 18, 2019 –The Dane County Sheriff's Office would like to make the public aware of an elaborate phone scam, involving an individual impersonating a Dane County Sheriff's Deputy. The scam currently involves a spoofed phone number of 608-234-5233, a phone tree with a synthesized voice stating it is the Dane County Sheriff's Office, hold music featuring Dave Brubeck's classic jazz hit "Take 5", etc.

Once connected, victims are told they have bench warrants for Failure to Appear for Jury Duty and Contempt of Court, and that they should obtain a "cash card" or prepaid debit card at a major retail outlet (i.e. Walgreens, Target, or Wal-Mart) in order to post their bond. The suspect will then request to meet the victim(s) in front of the Public Safety Building at 115 West Doty Street in order to finalize bail on their fictitious charges. While keeping the victim(s) on the phone, the suspect will then ask the victims to read their card number over the phone, "in order to save time." At that point, he will hang up and the victims are out whatever bond amount they loaded on their pre-paid card.

Please do not fall prey to this scam-the Sheriff's Office does not ask for money over the phone. Rest assured, the Dane County Sheriff's Office is investigating these incidents that currently seem to be concentrated on the western half of the County.