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Press Release

The Lorain County Sheriff's Office was made aware of a fraud / scam that has resurfaced. The caller identifies himself as an employee with the Lorain County Sheriff's Office. The caller then instructs the intended victim that they have a warrant for missing jury duty. The caller confirms information with the intended victim then instructed the intended victim to get gift cards to clear up the warrant. The caller instructs the victim to stay on the line and after making gift card purchases the victim provides the numbers of the gift card. The caller instructs the victim that when they show up for court after paying the bond with the gift cards they will be reimbursed.

We want to remind the public that no Law Enforcement Agency will call and solicit funds to clear up warrants. Should you receive a call do not release personal information, hang up, call your local Law Enforcement jurisdiction, and try to verify the information. We also want to remind the public that often the scammer, which may confuse the intended victim, spoofs the legitimate numbers for the police department or Sheriff's Office.

Anyone who has fallen victim to this fraud is to call the Law Enforcement jurisdiction in which they reside.



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