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KENT COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT



Date: 3/5/15

Type of Incident: Fraud Scam involving IRS

On 3/4/15 and 3/5/15 Kent County area residents were contacted on their land lines and cell phones by an individual claiming to be a command officer from the Kent County Sheriff Department, calling on behalf of the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) about unpaid taxes.

The caller advised the victim that if they don't not pay their taxes owed to the IRS, the local sheriff will issue arrest warrants and they will be arrested.

This scam has been taking place in the Kent County area. Keep in mind that the IRS or the Kent County Sheriff Department does not conduct business in this manner nor do they contact citizens over the phone regarding tax issues.

Please inform your family members to be aware of this type of fraud.

If you believe you have been a victim of an IRS impersonation scam, please fill out a form online through the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration website at:

http://www.treasury.gov/tigta/contact_report_scam.shtml

Or call your local law enforcement agency to report the crime.

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