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KENT COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT



Date: 3/12/15

Complaint Number: 15-111480

Type of Incident: Fraud/Impersonation of Law Enforcement

Reporting Officer: Detective Bureau

Supervisor Approval: Lt. Al Roetman

On 3/11/2015, Kent County Sheriff Department was contacted by a county resident in reference to receiving a phone call requesting the purchase of a prepaid credit card or face being arrested on outstanding warrants.

Upon the resident answering the phone, the caller stated that he was calling from the Kent County Sheriff's Office. Caller advised that the resident needed to turn himself in for outstanding warrants and provided a bond amount. The caller then instructed the resident to obtain "certification cards" from a local retail store. The resident refused and contacted the Kent County Sheriff Department and provided the phone number given by the caller.

On call back, a voice mail is set up which states "You have reached the Warrants Division of the Kent County Sheriff's Department." Please be advised the Kent County Sheriff Department does not utilize the phone number given or use this type of voice mail greeting. Investigators are in the process of shutting the phone number down.

This is another attempt to utilize a law enforcement agency's name to fraudulently obtain money from unsuspecting victims.

The Kent County Sheriff Department or any other local law enforcement agency does not conduct business in this manner.

If you receive a similar call, please hang up and contact local law enforcement.

If you have questions about the Kent County Sheriff Department or to verify a call received, please contact Kent County Sheriff's Dispatch at 616-632-6357.

Media Contact: Undersheriff Jon Hess 616-632-6236