



ELKO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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Phone Scam

Elko, NV – On February 15, 2017, Elko Police Department received a call from citizen reporting that she had received a telephone call from a person identifying themselves as an employee of the Elko County Sheriff's Office. The caller advised the citizen that they had a warrant for their arrest for failing to appear for jury duty. The citizen was instructed to purchase \$3,000.00 in iTunes cards and there would a person at the jail who would meet her to collect the cards.

The Sheriff's Office would like the public to know, that people are not called by telephone and advised of arrest warrants nor would any warrant be cleared through the use of I-tune cards or any other such payment. All such transactions would be facilitated by the courts and not with individual deputies or employees of the Sheriff's Office.

We would also advise citizens to be wary in light of the recent flood event in Elko County that many such scams may be attempted by people representing themselves as employees or representatives of various organizations that provide assistance in these types of events. Typically, legitimate organizations do not solicit funds in this fashion and none would request payment by things such as I-tune cards.

If you receive any solicitation of this way please contact local law enforcement and/or the organization claiming to be represented. Do not give your credit card or personal information without first knowing who it is you are supplying the information to.

If you have received a call of this type or you have questions regarding these types of scams please contact the Elko County Sheriff's Office at 775-738-3421.