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BEWARE!

Scam Targeting Seniors with Fake Sheriff's Deputy Call

The Summit County Prosecutor's Office has learned of a potential new scam involving someone claiming to be a Summit County Sheriff's Deputy.

Here's how the scam works. You get a call from someone who says they're with the Summit County Sheriff's Office. The caller might even provide a name and badge number. They tell you there's an urgent matter which needs your attention. One version of the scam asks for you to make an appointment to come to the Summit County Sheriff's Office to cross check a signature for grand jury. The person might then ask for additional personal information or for you to make a payment.

Scammers can even "spoof" actual numbers. "Spoofing" is when a scammer is able to show a legitimate number on your caller ID. So, the call might look like it's actually from the Sheriff's Office.

The Summit County Sheriff's Office does not ask for or accept payments for anything over the phone or other web-based payment systems like PayPal or Venmo.

If you get one of these phone calls, you can verify the deputy's name and badge number by calling the Sheriff's Office dispatch at 330.643.2181.

Stay Safe,

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