



# MARSHALL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



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**Potential Phone Scam**

Marshall County - The Marshall County Sheriff's Office wants to warn the citizens of Marshall County of a potential phone scam that has been reported in recent days.

A caller will inform the potential victim that he or she has won the "Global Lottery," based out of Las Vegas, Nevada, and are further instructed to wire a certain amount of their own money via Western Union to a subject in Jamaica, to enable the person to "verify" their winnings.

The caller may be quite persistent, and call several times trying to convince potential victims to follow through by calling an "876" number. There was also a report where a caller identified themselves as an FBI agent conducting an investigation, and would proceed to try and obtain a credit card number to aid in their investigation. Law enforcement officials would never do business in this fashion.

Citizens are advised that any such calls of this nature are simply fraudulent in nature. Citizens should hang up on the caller, and report the incident to local law enforcement or the State Attorney General's Office. Citizens should not attempt to call back any number that has been provided by the caller, as that may be a part of the fraud scheme as well, and could result in a citizen could incurring extremely expensive phone charges.

Citizens should never provide unknown and/or suspicious callers with any personal information about themselves.

**About Marshall County Sheriff's Office**

The Marshall County, Iowa Sheriff's Office is headed up by Sheriff Ted G. Kamatchus. Sheriff Kamatchus is committed to keeping communities and neighborhoods safe in Marshall County.

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