



# MARSHALL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



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**Phone Scam**

Marshall County, Iowa - Phone-Scammers advise persons to pay fines or be arrested.

The Marshall County Sheriff's Office has been made aware of a phone scam where local citizens have been contacted by someone fraudulently representing themselves as Sheriff's Office employees. During the call, the scammer is advising people that they have outstanding fines and that they will be arrested. To avoid arrest they are told to deposit funds on prepaid cards at local businesses.

The Sheriff's Office and the Marshalltown Police have been made aware of multiple instances. These instances and those similar are fraudulent.

If you receive this type of communication, do not follow the instructions and do not reveal personal information. Do attempt to obtain a number that they are calling from, a name and number that a call can be returned to. Ask specific questions about what the fine relates to.

Law enforcement will not contact you in this manner to collect fines. Additionally, fines are paid to the Clerk of Court.

A similar scam was reported in Polk County, Iowa last week where callers were advised that an arrest warrant had been issued for failing to appear for jury duty.

If you have become of victim fraudulent activity, it is a crime and you are encouraged to report it to your local law enforcement agency.

**About Marshall County Sheriff's Office**

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

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