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'Tis the Season for IRS Scams

The Flagler County Sheriff's Office Communications Center has fielded several phone calls this week from concerned citizens who have received phone calls from the IRS claiming that they need to "pay up" or be arrested. If you receive one of these calls, do not give out any information – it is a scam.



"IRS scams have been going on for years, and they usually pick up as tax season approaches," Sheriff Rick Staly said. "These scams are attempts to access your bank accounts and personal identification information. Educate yourself so that you do not fall for these scams."

According to www.irs.org, thousands of people have lost millions of dollars and their personal information to tax scams. "The IRS doesn't initiate contact with taxpayers by email, text messages or social media channels to request personal or financial information," IRS.org states on their website.

If you receive a phone call from someone claiming to be the IRS, do not give out any information and hang up immediately. If you know that you do not owe taxes, call the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA) at 1-800-366-4484 to report the incident. You can also report phone scams to the Federal Trade Commission at FTC.gov.

If you think you may owe taxes, you can contact the IRS at 1-800-829-1040 to discuss payment options.

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