



**Rick Staly, Sheriff**

## **FLAGLER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

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# **NEWS RELEASE**

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## **"Arrest Warrant Scam" Hitting Flagler County**

The Flagler County Sheriff's Office has received several complaints from residents saying they have received phone calls by persons claiming to be a Flagler County Sheriff's Office deputy and attempting to trick the victims into believing they have an outstanding warrant for an unpaid debt, missed jury duty or some minor infraction and that a fine is due. The callers then are trying to convince people to make the payments by wiring it through Western Union MoneyGram or buying a prepaid credit card (like Green Dot) and registering it online.



The Flagler County Sheriff's Office would like to alert the public to this scam and assure you that if you do have an active warrant for your arrest we will not be contacting you via telephone to discuss the warrant and the Flagler County Sheriff's Office will never accept a payment to exonerate criminal charges over the phone.

"I can assure you, if you have a warrant for your arrest in Flagler County we are not going to try to resolve it over the phone," said Sheriff Staly. "If you have a warrant in Flagler County you will be arrested by one of our deputies and brought to the Green Roof Inn. Don't fall for this scam."

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If you receive a phone call from someone claiming to be a Sheriff, police officer, a lawyer or bounty hunter, saying they had a warrant for your arrest, verify whom you're speaking with. The callers are manipulating caller ID to make the number appear to come from the Flagler County Sheriff's Office or jail. The Flagler County Sheriff's Office will never call you to alert you of a warrant and we will never ask for payment over the phone.

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