



Hamilton County Sheriff's Office

Jim Neil, Sheriff

MEDIA RELEASE



JURY DUTY SCAM TARGETING LOCAL RESIDENTS

Hamilton County, December 15, 2017 – Hamilton County Sheriff Jim Neil reports that a local telephone scam is targeting area citizens. The caller is contacting their targets by phone and telling them that they are representatives of the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office. The caller then explains that the target has missed jury duty and that they need to clear their name by either purchasing gift cards or by going to area drug stores and calling back for further instructions. The caller gives the target a local phone number that they can call to further communicate. The automated prompt when calling this number sounds legitimate and parts of actual HCSO phone prompts are used to further disguise the fraud.

This information is being shared to prevent citizens from falling victim to this scam. Verification for jury duty can be made by calling the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office Court Services Division at (513)946-5373. If anyone has been victimized they can contact their local police department to make a report. Citizens can also contact the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigation Section at (513)851-6000 or Crime Stoppers at (513)352-3040 to share relevant information.

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