



# Hanover County Sheriff's Office

## Media Release



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### HCSO Issues Scam Alert

Hanover, Va. – The Sheriff's Office would like to make the public aware of a scam involving a subject falsely representing himself as a member of the Hanover County Sheriff's Office.

During this call, the subject has identified himself to members of our community as either Captain Knox, Sgt. Taylor or Sgt. Justin Smith. The caller will advise the potential victim that there is a warrant out for their arrest as they have missed jury duty. The caller then advises the victim to respond to the Sheriff's Office with a certain amount of cash to pay a fine, which will in turn terminate the warrant.

In some cases, while the victim is in transit to the Sheriff's Office, the scammer will call them back and advise them not to go to the Sheriff's Office, but rather go purchase a number of Green Dot gift cards. The scammer then advises the victim to call them back once the gift cards have been purchased and read the numbers off the cards to them.

Please know that this is a SCAM! No member of the Hanover County Sheriff's Office **will ever call our citizens demanding payment as the result of a warrant.** If you have been the victim of such scam, and are at a monetary loss, please contact the Hanover County Sheriff's Office at (804) 365-6140.

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