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Public Service Announcement – Jury Duty Warrant Scam

The Tacoma Police Department has taken several reports from community members who have been victimized by criminals using a Jury Duty Warrant Scam. This involves the scam artists calling community members claiming to be law enforcement. The scam artist tells the victim they have missed multiple jury duty notices which has resulted in the issuance of a warrant for their arrest. The scam artist then advised the victim they can quash the warrant by paying court fees. The scam artist then instructs the victim they can pay the fees through Zelle, Green Dot cards, or other gift cards. If the victims agree to purchase gift cards, the scam artist has them read the confirmation number off of the back of the gift card to them over the phone.

In some of the reports, the scam artists are claiming to be Pierce County Sheriff's Department sergeants and are using the names of sergeants who are currently working for the Pierce County.

The Tacoma Police Department would like to remind everyone that no government agency accepts money through Zelle, or accepts gift cards in lieu of cash/check/charge.

Anyone who has been victimized by this scam and has not reported it is asked to contact the law enforcement agency where the scam took place to file a report.

Please advise your friends and family of this scam so they will not be victimized by these criminals.

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