

Phone scam targeting Washoe County residents

The Washoe County Sheriff's Office has received a number of reports this week from people saying they received phone calls from someone claiming to be from the department and stating that the potential victim has "law enforcement issues" which need to be taken care of.

Typically with these types of scams, the scammer provides instruction on how the payment should be submitted, usually through an "eGift" cash card, pre-paid credit card, or similar payment to a specified account or name given by the caller.

The Washoe County Sheriff's Office does not ask for payment over the phone or negotiate for payment in lieu of arrest. Anyone with questions about a law enforcement issue is asked to call the sheriff's office or the appropriate local law enforcement agency before providing any information or making payments.

Anyone who has suffered a loss as a result of this type of scam should call WCSO at 775.328.3001, ext. 7.