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CCSO warns community of scammers impersonating deputies

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NORTH CHARLESTON, S.C. – The Charleston County Sheriff's Office is reminding the public to beware of scammers targeting residents, impersonating law enforcement officials, specifically Charleston County Sheriff's Office deputies.

These scammers call their victims, posing as Charleston County deputies, and tell them they have missed jury duty or have a loved one in jail. The scammers will then ask the victims to pay them directly to relieve the situation.

Again, it is important to note that the Charleston County Sheriff's Office and the Sheriff Al Cannon Detention Center will never call with such a request, and we will never seek payment over the phone or in person.

We remind the public to stay vigilant. We encourage them to be skeptical when someone reaches out to them claiming to work with the Sheriff's Office. Scammers often use real employee names, spoof real law enforcement phone numbers, or create legitimate-looking email addresses. Additionally, never give a caller your personal information, such as your full name, address, and social security number, even if they already have some of those details.

For any scams dealing with the Charleston County Sheriff's Office, please call 843-202-1700 to file a report. You can also file a report online at <https://sheriff.charlestoncounty.org/incident-reporting-form.php>. For other agencies, call their non-emergency number.

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