



PHONE SCAM UPDATE

Earlier this week TCSO warned the public about a phone scam in which a man identifies himself as “Lt. Vance Berry with the Tulsa County Sheriff’s Office” and claims the person answering the phone has a warrant and must pay him in order to avoid being arrested. Since then, TCSO has taken multiple reports from people who have received these calls.

In one report, the suspect used the name “Cpt. Jonathan Williams” of the Tulsa County Sheriff’s Office. No one by that name is employed by our agency. In this case the crook knows the victim’s name and address. He demands she place \$2,500 on a pre-paid credit card and swipe at the jail in order to avoid immediate arrest for missing jury duty.

In another case, the caller made similar demands and the caller ID information showed the call was coming from the Tulsa County Sheriff’s Office phone number. This can be done through a spoofing app that allows the crook to use whatever number he or she wants to trick victims into believing the call is coming from an official number.

The Tulsa County Sheriff’s Office never calls anyone with warrants and demands payment in order to avoid arrest.

We continue to investigate these scams. If captured these crooks face potential criminal charges of fraud, false impersonation of a police officer as well as threatening a violent act.

To make a report call the Tulsa County Sheriff’s Office at 918-596-5600.