



MEDIA RELEASE

Kennewick Police Department

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IRS SCAM CALLS

Case Number:

Date and Time of Incident: July 18, 2018

Location of Incident: Multiple

Reporting Person Name: Choose an item.

Address

Victim's Name: Choose an item.

Age

Do not release name if a juvenile, victim of sex offense or request by victim.

Address: Choose an item.

Defendant's Name:

Do not release name if a juvenile.

Address:

Summary of Incident: The all too familiar IRS Scam calls seem to be coming in fast and furious today in Kennewick. Over two dozen Kennewick residents have reported to Police today receiving calls claiming to represent the IRS. These all too familiar calls claim t a warrant exists for failing to make payments to the IRS and that local law enforcement will be arriving shortly to haul you away.

The IRS does not make these calls, and in fact communicates by written correspondence only. Local law enforcement will not be picking you up on non-existent warrants. These scam phone calls are aimed at parting your cash from you and into the pockets of the scammer.

If you get a call like this, hang up on them. If you get a recorded message from them, delete it. Don't call them back and don't engage with them. It's a scam so don't waste your time.

The phone number that shows up on your phone is not where the call is coming from, so unless you have suffered a financial loss, it is not necessary to report it to police.

Remember-If you get a call saying the IRS is sending someone to arrest you, it's a scam.

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If someone has information that they would like to provide call (509) 628-0333 or to remain anonymous, call Tri Cities Crime Stoppers line at 586-TIPS (8477), 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or visit www.tricityscimestoppers.org

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