



# SHERIFF KOOTENAI COUNTY



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## **Scam Calls and Impersonating Police Officers in our community**

Kootenai County, Idaho: During the last few weeks, the Kootenai County Sheriff's Office has received a surge in scam calls towards our residents. These started last week seeking donations for Sheriff Robert Norris and the Sheriff's Office. These were in fact fraudulent. This week, the scam calls have been made by people representing themselves as Deputies and other staff, advising members of the public that they have warrants, or seeking personal information about the citizens and their families.

The Kootenai County Sheriff's Office will never contact someone and request that they pay for court fines in the form of gift cards or other instruments. If you are contacted by someone representing themselves as a Kootenai County Deputy asking for personal information or money, please contact our office. If you are concerned about a local warrant, you can also visit our website. Some of these calls have been generated with the façade of the Sheriff's Office phone number. In several instances, the actual name of a Deputy was used. If you do have a warrant, we will contact you in person.

If you are contacted by someone representing themselves as a Deputy and feel that it is a scam, please notify your local law enforcement agency. It is helpful if you can recall the number from which they called, the name provided, and what they said or requested. We would like to remind our citizen's to remain vigilant and ensure that they are in fact dealing with actual members of our agency for their own safety.

Sheriff Robert Norris  
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