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BROOME COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE PRESS RELEASE

SCAM ALERT: Broome County Sheriff Warns Residents of Scam Phone Calls Impersonating Law Enforcement

Scammers are once again impersonating Sheriff's detectives and deputies are again contacting Broome County residents in an effort to solicit money and gift cards from unsuspecting victims. Residents are reminded not to provide credit card or other payment information over the phone to anyone claiming to be law enforcement.

Already in 2026, the Broome County Sheriff's Office has received several new reports from residents who received phone calls from individuals pretending to be detectives or deputies of the BCSO. Residents were informed that their children had been arrested and required bail money paid electronically, that they missed their court appearances and were threatened with warrants for arrest or thousands of dollars in fines. During the conversation, the victims were told they were on a recorded line and advised not to inform anyone of the call. If the victim stays on the line long enough, the scammer will request payment in the form of credit card information or other means.

Residents are urged to terminate the call and not share any credit card information over the phone, no matter what the scammer says.

"Don't be fooled, the Broome County Sheriff's Office will never ask for credit card information or any form of payment over the phone," said Sheriff Fred Akshar. "If you believe you've received a scam phone call, please contact the Sheriff's Office so a report can be filed."

Similar scam calls have gone out to Broome County residents in prior years. Residents who receive scam calls are urged to contact the Broome County Sheriff's Office at 607-778-1911.

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