

## **SCAM ALERT – WARRANT**

March 6, 2018

**FRAUD/SCAM ALERT:** Frederick County residents are currently receiving calls from an individual claiming to be a Frederick County Sheriff's Deputy. The caller says they have an arrest warrant for you, but says it can be taken care of if you pay a fine. The caller says he can meet you at our headquarters, but on the way the caller tells you to stop at a store and purchase a Green Dot money card for a certain amount to pay the fine. The caller then asks for the number on back of the Green Dot card as you are driving to our headquarters for the meeting. When you arrive you find out that there was no meeting, no such deputy exists and all the money from the Green Dot card has already been taken electronically by the caller.

The Sheriff's Office, or for that matter, any police agency cannot accept a fine in lieu of arrest if an arrest warrant has been issued by a court. Do not ever purchase a Green Dot Card or any Debit Card and provide anyone the number on back of the card.

The calls are originating from outside the United States and unfortunately the thefts that occur are unrecoverable for the victim.

If you have any question regarding the identity of a Sheriff's Office Employee or receive any type of call at your residence or on your cell phone, please immediately hang up and call the Sheriff's Office at 301-600-1046.