



NEWS RELEASE

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Telephone Scam using Marshals Service's name

ROANOKE – The Marshals Service in the Western District of Virginia has received numerous calls relating to an ongoing telephone scam in which the caller advises the intended victim that the caller works for the United States Marshals Service (typically using the name Deputy Mike Harris or Perry Bear) and the intended victim or a family member has missed jury duty and are subject to fines or arrest. The intended victim is provided a telephone number (540-220-3125) or similar number for call back should they need to return a call. These calls have been received in the Harrisonburg and Roanoke areas over the last few days, but may be extending out to any and all areas within our district.

These calls are a **SCAM** and are intended to mislead citizens into providing their financial information for criminal purposes or for the scammers to receive gift cards. The Marshals Service does not solicit payments from individuals in this matter and would ask that anyone with questions regarding the Marshals Service in the Western District of Virginia to contact us at **540-857-2230**. If you have any doubts about the legitimacy of any communication with the Marshals Service, please utilize a telephone directory to verify you can contact the legitimate number for our agency.

Anyone receiving these types of fraudulent calls should notify their local law enforcement agency immediately and/or contact your local Marshals Service office.

For more information about the Marshals Service, visit www.usmarshals.gov.

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