



# SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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## NEWS RELEASE

**Incident Date and Time:** July 18, 2016

**Location:** San Mateo County

**Type of Crime/Incident:** Telephone Scam – Failure to Appear for Jury Duty

**Suspect:** Unknown

### Summary:

**Redwood City** – The San Mateo County Sheriff's Office is issuing a warning to the public to beware of phone calls from individuals claiming to represent themselves as a member of the Sheriff's Office in an effort to defraud them.

A number of the public have received unsolicited phone calls from an individual who fraudulently claim to be a sworn member of the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office. They are told they must pay fees for failure to appear for jury duty. The imposter instructs them to pay the fees by purchasing a prepaid "green dot card" or be subjected to arrest.

The truth is, the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office or any law enforcement agency will never contact a member of the public demanding they pay any fees and/or any fines and be subjected to arrest if they fail to comply.

The public is reminded to be vigilant and never provide personal information over the phone, like Social Security numbers and credit card information, unless they initiated the phone call.

If you believe you were the victim of this scam or a similar scam, contact your local law enforcement agency.

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