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NEWS RELEASE

SCAM ALERT- Scammers impersonate San Mateo County Sheriff's Office Deputies

The San Mateo County Sheriff's Office would like to warn the public of imposters fake phone calls posing as members of the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office in an attempt to defraud people for personal information and money.

We have received reports from members of the public who have received unsolicited phone calls from individuals 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 gift cards or prepaid "green dot cards". They are told if they do not pay they will be subject to arrest.

DO NOT FALL VICTIM TO THIS SCAM: The San Mateo County Sheriff's Office will never contact a member of the public demanding they pay any fees and/or fines over the phone and will never ask for money or gift cards to be electronically wired.

If you feel you have been a victim of this scam, please contact your local law enforcement agency.

Members of the public can always verify their jury status by calling the Superior Court of California County of San Mateo - Jury Division at (650) 599-1700

Thank you.

