



Dayton Police Department warns about phone scams

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The Dayton Police Department is alerting residents of a potential phone scam. The department recently received a fraud complaint about a call including a number of elements designed to seem legitimate.

The recipient's caller ID indicated "Dayton Police," however, the phone number returned to the Dayton Police Department in Tennessee. The caller used the address of the Dayton, Tennessee, Police Department before changing the location to 335 W. Third St., the address of the Dayton Police Department. The caller also used the name of an actual Dayton Police Department Officer.

The caller stated that the call recipient needed to pay a large sum of money to avoid jail time. The recipient then found out that several other people at their place of work received similar calls.

Dayton Police will never ask for money, gift cards, money orders, cashier's checks, money grams, or other forms of payment. Other jurisdictions have received phone scam reports recently as well.

It is important to use caution if you receive this sort of phone call, especially if the caller is trying to create a sense of urgency. If you receive a similar call, hang up and call 937-333-COPS (2677).

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