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TO: ALL MEDIA OUTLETS

FROM: Lt. Brannon Jordan

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RE: Phone Scam

The Latah County Sheriff's Office has been receiving numerous reports of a phone scam targeting our community. Reports indicate the caller identifies himself as a Latah County Deputy and tells the victim there is a warrant for their arrest. The caller tells the victim the warrant is for failure to report for jury duty. The caller then offers to make arrangements for payment of a "fine" to cancel the arrest warrant. The caller may then attempt to transfer the victim to another person for "payment", or demand the victim obtain "gift Cards" and provide the card account numbers so the monies can be accessed by the caller. Reports indicate the caller is using a device to make the number seen by the victim's caller ID appear as a "local" phone number.

This is a scam. The Latah County Sheriff's Office does not contact persons to arrange payments to cancel arrest warrants. If you receive a call like this please report it to your local law enforcement agency. **DO NOT** give out personal information, credit card or bank account information, or send money to a caller involved in this, or any other similar scam.