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## MONROE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE WARNS OF PHONE SCAM

*Imposter Posing as MCSO Deputy*

**Rochester, NY (March 4, 2020)** – The Monroe County Sheriff's Office is investigating a phone scam in which the caller identifies himself/herself as a Monroe County Sheriff's Deputy. As is the case with each of these incidents, the imposter posing as an MCSO Deputy explains to the individual that he/she has an open case and gives the individual an option to either be booked on the charges or pay a civil fine. The imposter, in some cases, asks the individual to pay the fine using gift cards. Failure to pay, according to the imposter, will result in a warrant for the individual's arrest.

**These calls are fraudulent.** Any legitimate law enforcement agency will not demand cash or gift cards from a member of the public. The Monroe County Sheriff's Office urges anyone who receives a call similar to the one described above, to report it immediately.

To protect yourself from falling victim to this scam, be wary of answering phone calls from numbers you do not recognize. Do not send money or gift cards to anybody that you do not personally know and trust. Never give out your personal information, including banking information, Social Security number, or other personal identifiable information over the phone or to individuals you do not know.

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