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RICHMOND SHERIFF'S OFFICE ANNOUNCES JURY SCAM

Richmond, Virginia – The Richmond City Sheriff's Office has recently received several phone calls from members of the public regarding a jury duty phone scam. An individual identifying himself as a Richmond City Sheriff's deputy is contacting victims and informing them that they have missed jury duty and will be imprisoned unless they agree to pay \$1,000.00 to \$3,000.00. The victim is informed that only cash, a Money Pack or Green Dot card from Walmart or Kroger will be accepted as payment. The caller also states to not attempt to go to the Richmond City Court House. Instead, the perpetrator provides a phone number for the victim to call to arrange a meeting for payment.

The Richmond City Sheriff's Office would like to take this opportunity to remind the public that this agency does not charge when an individual misses jury duty. If anyone receives a phone call of this nature, they should contact the Richmond City Jury Office at 804-646-6501. In the event that these calls become threatening in nature, the individual should immediately dial 911.

The Richmond City Sheriff's Office is responsible for maintaining a secure jail and a safe court system, along with seamless inmate transport and civil process to preserve public safety. We remain committed to performing these duties with unsurpassed integrity and professionalism, with progressive training that incorporates best practices and technology. While partnering with the community, we strive to lower recidivism by providing faith-based and community-based programming that empowers ex-offenders to become productive members of society.