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Richmond- The Richmond City Sheriff's Office would like to alert citizens of a phone scam involving **SCAMMERS** who claim to be various members of the Richmond City Sheriff's Office or other Law Enforcement agencies. The scammers are ghosting law enforcement numbers and asking you to contact them at a different number. This is a **SCAM**. The numbers are different and are subject to change daily. During this call, the individual states that the person has missed a court appearance, had a summons to Appear for Grand Jury and didn't appear, signed for a summons, and did not appear, or has a warrant out for their arrest for Failure to Appear or Contempt of Court.

Please keep in mind the Richmond City Sheriff's Office nor any other Law Enforcement agency will ever call you to tell you there is a warrant out for your arrest, and then provide conditions for you to satisfy or make it go away over the phone. We would never ask anyone for confidential information over the phone such as your bank account information, social security number, or signature verification. We will never inform you that in lieu of your being arrested, you may make a payment over the phone or at a remote location to satisfy any debt owed. We do not work with third-party payment companies, nor would we ask you to issue any type of bond to avoid being arrested. We will not ask you to verify any information or your signature on any alleged documents over the phone. We would not ask or direct you to hang up and call us from your cell phone if you are on a landline, nor would we ask you to drive to any location to purchase a gift card or input funds into a kiosk machine. We would never be rude or threaten you with profanities. We will not make threats of arrests to any citizen over the phone.

Please be on the lookout as these scams are occurring more frequently than ever.

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