

ARE YOU A REGISTERED SEX OFFENDER?

BEWARE OF SCAM CALLS

A nationwide PHONE SCAM is targeting registered sex offenders in Georgia.

The DeKalb County Sheriff's Office reports that individuals on the Georgia Sex Offender Registry are receiving phone calls from persons claiming to be DeKalb County Sheriff's Deputies.

THE CALLER IS NOT EMPLOYED BY THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

Here's how this scam works:

- The caller says the Sex Offender is wanted on a Failure to Appear Warrant for failure to provide a second DNA test.
- The caller says a notice was mailed in reference to the second DNA test.
- The caller tells the Sex Offender that they must pay a certain amount of money for the warrant to be dismissed.
- The caller may offer to help the target avoid arrest by paying them – the scammer – a fee in cash, or by using a prepaid money card or gift card.
- The caller may ask for personal information (a social security number or bank account number). Sometimes, they ask the target to meet them at the sheriff's office to pay the fee that will keep them from being arrested.

THIS IS A SCAM.

The DeKalb County Sheriff's Office will never contact anyone by telephone and ask for personal account information or payment of any kind to avoid arrest.

IF YOU RECEIVE A SCAM CALL, DO THIS ...

- **HANG UP.** Do not have a conversation with the caller.
- **CONTINUE TO HANG UP** if they call back.
- **DO NOT** give the caller ANY personal or banking information.
- **DO NOT** feel threatened or intimidated.

**REPORT THE CALL TO THE DEKALB COUNTY SHERIFF'S
OFFICE SEX OFFENDER UNIT AT 404-298-8130**