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### **Scam Press Release**

**To:** Citizens of Franklin County

**From:** Dane M. Anthony, Franklin County Sheriff

It is unfortunate that during this unprecedented time opportunists look to take advantage of people. Please be watchful and aware, we will be updating this list of known scams as we receive credible information.

#### **Bench Warrant Scam**

The Franklin County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) has received several phone calls in regards to a phone scam circulating throughout Franklin County. Below is an example of a known scam.

- Individuals receive a phone call from a person claiming to be a Deputy Sheriff, (possibly David BOLTON), stating that there is a bench warrant for the individuals arrest for failing to appear for jury duty. The person then asks for a sum of money (cash in most instances) to be brought immediately to a location in order to avoid incarceration. The number may appear as a local number as the caller is most likely spoofing; however, the call could be coming from anywhere and is extremely hard to trace.

#### **Megan's Law Warrant Scam**

- The Franklin County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) has received information that people on Megan's Law lists are being contacted, (possibly by a Sgt. Walters) advising individuals that they need to have a new DNA sample or make a payment (usually with gift cards) to keep from being arrested.

#### **Gift Card Scam**

- The Franklin County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) has received information that a representative is calling local citizens asking for donations and gift cards for needy people.

#### **Court Administration Fine Scam**

- The Franklin County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) has received information that citizens are receiving phone calls from someone reporting to be Franklin County Court Administration, and that they are collecting fines for not appearing for court.

#### **Recommendations**

The Franklin County Sheriff's Office reminds residents to be watchful and cautious when answering phone calls. If something does not seem correct about the call, report the suspicious call to your local police department or sheriff's office.

If you become the victim of a scam, notify your financial institution and your local law enforcement agency immediately.