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Fake Police Call Scam Targeting Locals

Osage Beach, MO – The Osage Beach Police Department has become aware of a recent phone scam wherein the victim received a voicemail from someone claiming to be an Officer of the Osage Beach Police Department. The caller advises the victim that they have warrants for their arrest for various reasons, and, to avoid arrest, they need to send money to the caller using various payment platforms.

Just because a call appears to be coming from the Osage Beach Police Department or another government agency doesn't mean it is legitimate. Scammers can spoof a number to look like it's coming from a particular source when it isn't.

The Osage Beach Police Department will not call you via telephone if you have warrants. Furthermore, they will never demand you send them money via Venmo, PayPal, Apple Pay, etc.

If you receive this type of phone call, or a call saying your family member is in jail, has been involved in an accident, etc. and needs money to keep from being arrested, we advise you to hang up the phone immediately. If you are still concerned that the call might have been legitimate, contact the family member or your local Police Department for assistance.

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