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PRESS RELEASE

Telemarketing scams

Recently the Sioux County Sheriff's Office has received reports of more telemarketing scams. The sheriff's office would like to remind you that telemarketing fraud is a crime. Criminals use the phone to commit many different types of fraud, including sweepstakes and lottery frauds, load fraud, club memberships, and credit card scams.

It's important to remember that scammers are good at what they do. They will say anything and target everyone to try to cheat people out of money. They may call you and imply that they work for a company you trust, or that they want you to go to a local store to wire-transfer money to them. These calls can show up on your caller ID as a local phone number by using new technology.

It's always key to recognize telemarketing scams right away, and to ask "Who's calling?" You are encouraged to report fraud to law enforcement and also to the FTC (Federal Trade Commission) providing information to help bring scammers to justice. Also by registering your number on the National Do Not Call Registry will help limit the number of telemarketing calls you receive, so you can be more alert to calls you do get.

[Click here for the "National Do Not Call Registry" website](#)