

# Phone scammers acting as Caddo Parish Sheriff's deputies

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Local citizens are receiving phone calls from scammers pretending to be law enforcement and demanding payment over the phone to prevent arrest, said Sheriff Steve Prator.

The complaints reference a scammer claiming to be Captain Corbett and Sergeant Reed, with the Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office, attempting to cheat people out of their money. Citizens are being told they have a warrant for their arrest but can pay it off over the phone instead of going to jail. In most cases, scammers instruct people to remain on the phone while buying gift cards from local stores. Once information from a gift card is relayed, the money is lost.

The Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office will never ask anyone for payment over the phone and will never ask for any payment in the form of a gift card. This type of scam is common and many different phone numbers may be used. No one should ever call a number provided by a scammer. Look up a legitimate number for your local government offices if you have questions.

Citizens are asked to call the Caddo Parish Sheriff's Financial Crimes Task Force at (318)681-0770 to address any concerns they may have about scams. If you are at a loss as a result, please file a report with your local law enforcement agency.

# Attachments

