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IRS Telephone Scam

In this scam, an automated voice claims there is a warrant out for the arrest of the receiver of the call and that they must call a phone number to resolve it. Upon calling the number, a person claiming to be an Internal Revenue Service (IRS) agent states that the caller must make payment or the warrant will be passed on to law enforcement authorities. The fake agent may give a bogus badge number and be able to recite the last four digits of the caller's social security number. This is a known scam that becomes particularly pervasive around tax time.

The IRS does not initiate contact with taxpayers without sending prior notification via mail. Additionally, the IRS does not work with local law enforcement authorities in this manner.

Tips to avoid becoming a phone scam victim:

- If you believe the call is suspicious, hang up.
- Never give personal information, such as social security or bank account numbers, over the phone.
- Legitimate IRS agents and law enforcement agencies do not ask that payments be made via pre-paid debit cards.
- In some cases, the phone numbers may appear to be from legitimate agencies due to phone number spoofing applications. Do not call that number back.

If you need further assistance please contact the Gilberts Police Department at: 847-428-2954 or Kane Comm. 911 Dispatch Center 630-232-8400.

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