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Scammer Alert

Shreveport Police would like to make the public aware that we have received word of multiple phone scams in our area. We want the public to understand the capabilities of scammers. Today's scammer can clone phone numbers and make it appear as if the call is coming from different locations, such as police departments, schools, hospitals, etc.

The scammer may say you have a warrant for your arrest, owe taxes, or are otherwise in violation of a law and then demand a payment. They will often request this payment in gift cards or other unusual forms of payment, and threaten to arrest you if you don't pay. **A police officer or agent will never demand payment over the phone or online.**

No member of the Shreveport Police Department will ever send emails, texts, or make phone calls soliciting moneys or gift cards. Please do not respond to the emails and **DO NOT** give them any personal information.