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OSHKOSH POLICE DEPARTMENT

Date: March 18, 2015

Time: 9:30 A.M.

Contact: Officer Joseph Nichols

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Subject: IRS Telephone Scam

MEDIA RELEASE

The Oshkosh Police Department is alerting the public to the ongoing IRS Telephone Scam. Although this is a year round scam, there are many more calls going out now due to the tax deadline is fast approaching.

A citizen reported to the police department that they received a phone call on Tuesday, March 17, 2015 from the number 209-813-2917. The caller stated they were from the IRS and that if information was not given that the citizen would be taken to court. The citizen hung up after taking the number.

The citizen reported today, March 18th that a second phone call was received from 509-207-4031. The caller reiterated that they would be taken to court if the information was not given. The citizen said they knew it was a scam due to all the publicity that this scam is being given.

Although much information is distributed about this scam, not everyone is getting the message. Please contact all those you know, especially older adults, and let them know this is a telephone scam occurring.

As for the caller...Oshkosh Police contacted the alleged IRS number 509-207-4031 and went along with Agent Ricky Wilson's story that we were going to be sued if we didn't give up our information. When Ricky was told that it was the Oshkosh Police Department calling, Ricky asked me to hold and the phone went dead.

If you receive these types of phone calls, hang up on them immediately.

Thank you for passing this information along.

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