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Subject: IRS Telephone Scams

The Oshkosh Police Department has been alerted by numerous citizens of IRS telephone scams over the past two weeks.

The IRS telephone scam begins with the citizen receiving a telephone call with an automated message or a person telling the citizen that they are going to be sued, arrested and/or jailed if they do not rectify the late payments to the IRS. With the automated calls, the citizen is to call another number to talk with the "IRS."

We are alerting citizens that if they receive this phone call, they are not to call the number left from the automated message. If a person is calling the citizen, the citizen should tell the caller that they know it is a scam and hang up the phone. Eventually, the scam artists will stop calling. The phone numbers used in these scams are, for the most part, untraceable.

Citizens should not call the Oshkosh Police Department if they receive these scam calls. The exception to this is if the citizen believes that they have given information to the caller and they have a financial loss.

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