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Subject: IRS Scam Calls

The Oshkosh Police Department is reminding citizens that the IRS Scam phone calls are continuing in Oshkosh and more than likely continue around the Fox Valley area and beyond. If citizens receive this phone call from a person or get an automated message, they should hang up without giving any information to the person and/or citizens should not call back the number on the automated message.

It is important to remember that the IRS will not call and threaten citizens with a lawsuit or with being arrested by local authorities; and the IRS is not going to request iTunes cards, cash cards or any other form of payment over the phone or by email.

An automated message that was received by a citizen is attached to this email. The message states the citizen attempted a fraud on the IRS and the citizen is to call a phone number. This type of scam uses threats toward the citizen to get a response.

One way of combating this type of phone call scam is by spreading the word to all you know about the phone call scam. Most victims in these incidents are older adults who may not get the word on the scam. Another way of combating scam phone calls is by simply hanging up.

Please share this information with everyone you know. Thank you.

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