



# VENTURA COUNTY SHERIFF MEDIA RELEASE



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## **Beware of Warrant Payment Scam**

Several Ventura County residents have received phone calls from a person claiming to be a Ventura County Sheriff's Office employee who demands payment via a Green Dot transaction to clear up an outstanding warrant.

Callers are being told they did not show up for required jury duty and they have to pay a fine to clear up a warrant that has been issued.

These calls are fraudulent and have no connection to the Ventura County Sheriff's Office. Anyone who receives a phone call from someone demanding payment for an outstanding warrant should report the situation immediately as a crime. The calls are originating from a local number in the 805 area code.

Investigators are working to identify the suspect who made the calls. Anyone with information about the person or group responsible for this scam can contact investigators at the Camarillo Police Department at (805)388-5100. Ventura County Crime Stoppers will pay up to \$1,000 reward for information, which leads to the arrest and criminal complaint against the person(s) responsible for this crime. The caller may remain anonymous. The call is not recorded. Call Crime Stoppers at 800-222-TIPS (8477).