

New Scam Reported Locally

**(KNZA)--Brown County Sheriff John Merchant is alerting residents about a new scam being reported locally.**

**Merchant says several residents have informed him that have have been receiving phone calls from individuals who are claiming to be " student loan representatives", with " USA" showing on the caller ID of the residents phones.**

**The callers are informing residents that they have a refund coming back on their students loans due incorrect interest on their loan account.**

**The caller appears to know that the residents do in fact have students loans and address the resident by name. They do not appear to have any other personal information other than the students name.**

**The caller advises that the refund can be automatically deposited in the residents bank account and tries to obtain additional personal account information.**

**Merchant said one resident reported that the caller was very convincing and friendly, with a thick foreign accent.**

**So far, he says no one has provided these scammers with any information. As usual, Merchant advises residents to never give out personal information over the phone.**

**Merchant says if you have any questions regarding your student loan account, contact them directly, and never rely on your caller ID at any time to identify who you are speaking to. He says if you feel you have been a victim of this scam, notify your local law enforcement at once.**

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