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Scam calls pretending to be county attorney

(KNZA)--Brown County Sheriff John Merchant is alerting residents of another scam circulating locally.

Merchant said county residents are being contacted by phone and the caller is stating there is an issue with their Social Security payments.

The resident is urged to "PRESS 1" to continue. When doing so, a man comes on the line stating he is the 'County Attorney' or 'Kevin Hill' with a foreign sounding accent and that payment needs to be made immediately or legal action will take place.

Merchant said the county attorney's office is not involved in collecting social security overpayments and neither the county attorney's office or the Social Security office will ever contact you by phone to demand payment of any kind.

He said the number that shows up on the caller ID is a 742 number so people are believing it is a credible call. Merchant reminds residents that you can never trust the number that shows up on your caller ID because it can be manipulated very easily.

If you feel that you have been a victim of a scam, your urged to contact you local law enforcement at once.

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