Sheriff reports new twist on Amazon scam

Editor's note: the following was submitted by Brown Co Sheriff John Merchant

(MSC News)--County residents have been calling to inform me of a different twist in the AMAZON scam that I sent out a few days ago.

Now residents are being contacted by phone and being told that if the resident hangs up, AMAZON will charge them \$200 and MASTERCARD will charge them \$900. The caller then states that if they wish to dispute the charges, you must press 1. When you press 1, you will speak with a live person who will try to get personal information from you.

This is a scam and I am advising everyone to either hang up or do not answer calls you are unfamiliar with. The purpose of this new scam is to pressure people into speaking with a scammer. These scammers are highly trained to glean information from you to access your financial accounts. If you do not respond or speak with these people, your chances of becoming a victims are very slim. When in doubt, please hang up on these type of calls.

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