



COLORADO
Bureau of Investigation
Department of Public Safety

SCAM TARGETING REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS

The Colorado Bureau of Investigation (CBI) Sex Offender Registration Unit has been made aware of a telephone scam that is targeting registered sex offenders in an effort to extort money. The CBI has received multiple reports of this scam occurring over the last several years by various Colorado law enforcement agencies.

HOW THE SCAM WORKS. When the registered sex offender is contacted by phone, the scammer claims to be a sex offender compliance officer. In some cases, the scammer uses a specific officer's name associated with a specific law enforcement agency, which in many cases is the name of a real officer. The caller may or may not state they are with the same agency where the offender is currently registered. The caller then informs the registered sex offender that they are non-compliant with their registration requirements and will be arrested or a warrant will be issued if they fail to pay a specific fine.

The sex offender is then instructed to obtain iTunes, MoneyPak or other (gift) cards for a specified dollar amount. Once the cards are obtained the scammer instructs the victim to provide the unique number on the back of the card(s). In some cases, the caller informs the victim they have additional fines and arrest warrant fees in an effort to collect more money. The scammer can then either drain the cash on the card or sell the card online once they obtain the serial numbers on the card.

ADDITIONAL SCAMS. Variations of this scam have also been reported. When the scammer claims the sex offender is out of compliance with registration requirements, in some cases, the offender adamantly advises the caller they know they are compliant with all registration requirements. The scammer then advises the offender to fax registration forms to verify their registration is current. Once the registration form is faxed, the scammers then have all of the personal information for the offender (name, date of birth and social security number) allowing them to further victimize the offender (identity theft). The scammers have also been known to contact offenders advising that it is necessary to collect a DNA sample along with registration. Offenders are told if they do not submit the DNA sample, a warrant will be issued for their arrest and the scammers try to collect payment for a "bond".

THIS NOTICE SERVES AS AN ADVISEMENT TO YOU THAT LAW ENFORCEMENT WOULD NEVER CALL AND REQUIRE YOU TO PAY FINES OVER THE PHONE OR ASK YOU TO FAX REGISTRATION PAPERWORK TO THEM.

If you have questions regarding your registration requirements or registration status please contact the local law enforcement agency where you register.

Registration Agency Name

Registration Agency Phone Number