



Press Release
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SCSO Urges Citizens to be Aware of Holiday Scams

On **11/29/2012**, Investigators received information from a citizen regarding a possible fraud / scam situation. The female victim received a voicemail message from someone identifying himself as **Sheriff Bill Oldham**. The message further stated he was contacted by another agency who requested the sheriff issue a warrant for her arrest.

The caller went on to say it was regarding a bad debt that occurred in 2010 but he could give no particulars. She was then by told by this individual to surrender herself or she would be picked up and arrested. The suspect then gave her a name and contact number to call for someone at the **Federal Crime Enforcement Network** and speak with an agent. When she called, someone who identified himself as an agent said that she could just pay him the amount of **\$541.00** and she would not be arrested.

This is a SCAM! The Sheriff would never contact anyone on a debt collection unless it is in the form of a writ issued by the courts. At **no time** will the Sheriff's Office become involved in a civil matter debt collection. If anyone is contacted by someone portraying themselves as a Shelby County Sheriff's Deputy, attempting to collect a debt, the citizen should **NOT** give any financial information or personal information to the subject over the phone. If anyone contacts you regarding this, you are strongly urged to record the call and contact our office immediately.

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