



COUNTRYSIDE POLICE

CRIME ALERT

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CRIME ALERT IRS PHONE SCAM

Over the past several months, the Countryside Police Department has seen a dramatic increase in phone scams targeting residents in our area.

On most occasions, victims are told they owe money to the IRS and it must be paid promptly through a pre-loaded debit card or wire transfer. If the victim refuses to cooperate, they are then threatened with arrest, deportation or suspension of a business or driver's license. In many cases, the caller becomes hostile and insulting.

The solicitors can be very convincing and may have some personal information on the resident including name and partial social security numbers. **REMEMBER**, the IRS does not ask for ANY TYPE of payment over the phone.

Any complaints of IRS Scams or any other phone solicitor crime can be reported to the Countryside Police Department at 708-352-2171. IRS Scams can also be reported to the Internal Revenue Service at 800-366-4484

This information is being provided to make you aware of suspicious or criminal activity in the Countryside area. Please review this alert and take appropriate action.

Any questions can be directed to Deputy Chief Scott Novak at (708)352-2171.