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SCAM ALERTS

Crime tips: The Sheriff's Office has received information on several scams that are taking place in the County and Northern KY area.

First, is a scam involving emails claiming to be from the USPS (United States Postal Service). This scam includes receiving an email with an attachment from the USPS saying that they missed you when trying to deliver; it asks you to open the attachment containing an invoice. Do not open these attachments they are designed to attack your computer and to pull information off of them. This email also has information attached to it talking about Japan in yellow print that is hard to read. The USPS advised that it does not send emails out to recipients advising them of not being able to deliver, but leaves a printed notice for you with your regular mail.

Second, have received information in regards to individuals that have received checks in the mail from Publisher's Clearing House, check has following information on it: Corporate Services Management, with address of 2157 Flintstone Drive, Suite 8, Tucker, GA, 30084, Suntrust Bank. The company then follows up and calls you for information asking if you have received the check and if you are the individual listed on the check. If not the person they then try to elicit your personal information. Do not respond to these requests as they are only trying to scam money out of you and let them know that you do not want to be bothered by them again.

Third, received information in regards to the FBI contacting individuals and trying to solicit information from them. FBI agent advises that there is a Check in amount of \$1300.00 and later will be \$135000 check for them. The FBI does not do these kind of notifications and individuals should not give callers any information at all.

Fourth, received information in regards to individuals posing as a U.S. Attorney General Detective out of Florida and threatening to come and arrest you because they have intercepted a package coming into the states from another country containing drugs. The Attorney General Detective then requests that you send money in order to keep the local U.S. Attorney General Detective from coming and placing you under arrest. The U.S. Attorney General's office does not operate in this fashion and do not request payment in order to keep individuals from being charged with a crime.

Fifth, this is also the biggest time of year to have individuals come around and to solicit to make repairs or to complete work for you (commonly known as gypsy scams). There are a lot of individuals that scam people out of their money by doing this. Be very careful when dealing with individuals that come to you to solicit employment. If you need to have work completed get a couple of estimates, check the references of those that give you quotes, do not give them money up front to complete the work, most reputable contractors do not request up front money.

Again if you have any information on drug activity or crimes that are occurring in your area do not hesitate to contact us. We have set up an anonymous tip line for reporting of crime, phone number is 606-735-2578. This anonymous tip line can be used to report any type of crime, but is especially set up for the reporting of drug activity in the County.

The Bracken County Sheriff Office is dedicated to making this a safer County for our kids, grandkids, family and friends to live, work and play.