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Sheriff's Office Investigating Phone Scam

[Lancaster, Ohio, March 23, 2017] The Fairfield County Sheriff's Office is warning the public of a phone scam regarding debt collection involving the Fairfield County Clerk of Courts, Pickerington Title Office.

Earlier this month, the Fairfield County Clerk of Courts Office began to receive phone calls from concerned citizens advising that they have received calls from "Will" claiming that he is collecting money for debt owed to Fairfield County.

"Although these types of calls are more frequent, residents should use caution whenever someone calls to solicit money for any debts they are not familiar to owing. Our Detectives have been investigating these calls since the first complaint was received and are working to find those responsible." stated Sheriff Dave Phalen.

"The Clerk of Courts rarely calls citizens to collect a debt. We routinely send letters regarding the collection of debt and ask that the receiving individual contact our office to make arrangements to repay the money owed." said Branden C. Meyer, Fairfield County Clerk of Courts.

The calls have been coming from a 614 area code with an 835 prefix phone number out of Pickerington, Ohio.

Sheriff Phalen wants to remind residents to be alert whenever unsolicited calls are received asking for payments of any type. Recipients of these types of calls are asked to obtain as much information about the caller and organization as possible and to report any such activity to the Fairfield County Sheriff's Office at 740-652-7911.

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