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PRESS RELEASE

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Subject: Jury Duty Phone Scam Has Arrived in Yolo County

On February 24, 2014, Yolo County Sheriff Ed Prieto sent out a press release to inform the public of a recent scam whereby residents have received phone calls from a person claiming to be a sheriff's office employee who demands payment, via a Green Dot pre-paid credit card transaction, to clear up an outstanding warrant. At the time, this scam was working its way up from southern California into the bay area.

Callers are being told they did not show up for required jury duty and they have to pay a fine to clear up a warrant that has been issued. The calls also originate from a local area code.

Last night a Woodland resident received such a call. The caller identified himself as Donald Donaldson, a Lieutenant with the Sheriff's Office. The caller told the victim that she had two warrants issued for her arrest for failure to show up for jury duty, each with a fine for \$494. The caller told the victim in order to avoid another \$128 processing fee, the victim was to go to a CVS store and obtain an "Easy Pay Voucher" and send the money to him. The victim recognized this as a scam and did not comply.

Sheriff Prieto would like to again remind everyone that these calls are fraudulent and have no connection to the Yolo County Sheriff's Office or the Yolo County Superior Court.

Anyone who receives a phone call from someone demanding payment for an outstanding warrant should immediately report the situation to the law enforcement agency in their jurisdiction.

An investigation into this most recent incident is being conducted by the Sheriff's Office.

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