

More Scams Circulating Locally

**(KNZA)--Brown County Sheriff John Merchant is alerting residents of two phone scams being reported locally.**

**Merchant says several county residents have reported being called by people representing themselves as the " Geek Squad" and told their computers are sending out viruses to everyone in their contacts.**

**Merchant says the scammers are trying to get information from your computer and urges residents not to allow anyone you do not personally know to access your computer.**

**He said one resident was told their computer could be fixed for \$5 and the caller wanted bank card information to proceed.**

**Had the information being given out, Merchant says the scammers could clean out your bank account.**

**In a second scam, Merchant says callers representing themselves as Medicare/Medicaid officials are contacting county residents requesting verification of their identification numbers and saying they have been compromised.**

**Again, he says this is a scam to obtain your information. Should there be a problem, Merchant says you would be contacted by mail or informed there is a problem and never asked to provide your number over the phone.**

**He says many of these scammers have the ability to make false names and numbers appear on caller ID's so don't always think you are talking to the person identified on your caller ID until you make certain they are who they claim to be.**

**Merchant again reminds county residents to never give out personal information to someone you do not know.**