

Sheriff: Social Security numbers used in scam

(KAIR)--Social security numbers are at the heart of the latest rip-off attempt circulating in the local area.

Jackson County Sheriff Tim Morse has issued a news release to warn area residents about the scam, which he says is being attempted by telephone.

According to Morse, the person contacted by the caller is told that their social security number has been compromised, and they have 24 hours to return a phone call to address the problem. If the call is not returned, Morse says the caller threatens the would-be victim with the seizure of assets.

Saying that scamming “is a billion dollar industry,” Morse says this latest scam, like others that have gained recent attention, is simply an attempt to gain personal, financial information.

He says no business should ever be conducted by telephone with anyone unknown, and that no information should ever be provided to such unsolicited callers.

Morse says that anytime the legitimacy of a phone call must be questioned, it's most likely a scam.

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