

New phone scam being reported locally

**(KNZA)--The Brown County Sheriff's Office is warning residents of a new phone scam circulating in the area.**

**Sheriff John Merchant says a Horton resident recently received a phone call, which on their caller ID showed Horton Police and also showed the actual Horton Police phone number.**

**The resident was informed they had a warrant issued by the IRS and if they didn't pay \$1,000 with Google play cards, they would be arrested.**

**The resident was to pay the money due using a phone transaction.**

**Merchant urges residents not to give out personal information over the phone or computer. Also he says to never trust your caller ID to identify a caller or phone number as they can be modified to show any person or telephone number.**

**Merchant says if you have questions or become a victim of a scam, notify your local law enforcement at once.**

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