

More scams reported locally

(KNZA)--The Brown County Sheriffs office has had more reports of scams circulating the county.

Sheriff John Merchant says several reports are of credit card companies who are contacting card holders and offering them lower interest rates or incentives. The people are then asked to provide their credit card number for verification to the caller. When questions are asked of the callers, they have been hanging up.

Merchant reminds county residents not to give out personal information over the phone.

He said another area of concern are calls from an out of state contractor who is telling callers that he will be traveling through our area. They are contacting people by telephone and informing residents they have a surplus of materials such as roofing material, siding etc. and for a sum of approximately \$500 they will hold the material and use it at the customers home at below cost. They have requested bank account information or credit card numbers from residents.

Merchant urges anyone who is interested in doing business to ask for phone numbers and references from satisfied customers of contractors who are not known. Reputable contractors should be able to provide such information to potential customers.

Merchant remains residents again not to give out personal information over the phone.

Many Signals Communications