Sheriff: Beware of seasonal scammers

(KNZA)--Beware of seasonal scammers. That's the message sent in a release from Jackson County Sheriff Tim Morse, who says eveyone should not only "be alert to scammers via phone calls, mailings, emails and texts, but you need to be alert to door-to-door solicitors that come to your residence."

Morse advises residents who have a service need to "find a reputable company to take care of those needs yourself and do not rely on those who solicit," adding that "if it seems too good to be true, it is."

Saying that many of the solicitors are from out of state, receiving a refund may be impossible, Morse gives the same warning regarding those who use the Kansas storm season as a way to make a quick buck, in return for what Morse says is often "poor service." "He says many times scammers will follow the storms and will offer free roof inspections, then claim roof is damaged and in need of replacement even if it is not.

Morse reminds residents that roofers must have a valid registration certificate from the State of Kansas before doing any roofing business in Kansas.

Morse says to never offer any personal information when solicited, "don't pay in cash, don't pay for the whole project upfront and don't pay for the total project until it is finished and you are completely satisfied with the work done, saying that residents should "always check with your insurance company first before any work that is caused from damage."

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