

CURRENT SCAMS

1. **Jury Duty Scam** – Person claiming to be Lt. Gary Fields, from the Sheriff's Office, calls victim and informs them that they did not appear for jury duty and the judge has issued a bench warrant for their arrest. Lt. Fields tells victim to obtain \$300 in Green Dot Money Pack to remove bench warrant. Victim told how to send the money.
2. **IRS Scam** – Person calls victim claiming to be IRS agent and says person owes back taxes and penalties. The victim is told to get Money Pack cards for amount or they will arrest, or file lawsuit against victim. Victim then told how to send the money.
3. **Bail Out Family Member Scam** – The victim, usually an older person, receives a call from one of their "grand children" who claims to have been with friends who were arrested. The "grand child" says they need money for bail and court fees. Victim is told to get Green Dot Money Pack for various amounts and then talks to another suspect, who claims to be an officer of the court, who tells them how and where to send the money. (It should be noted that the suspect never gives their "name" to the victim and the victim thus far is too embarrassed to ask.)
4. **Dominion Virginia Power Scam** – The victim receives a call from a suspect claiming to be with Dominion VA power, who says their electric bill is overdue and if it is not paid within a short period of time (usually around an hour) their power will be shut off. The victim is instructed to obtain Money Pack/Visa Gift Cards and are then advised where to send them. This scam first targeted primarily Hispanic victims, but now has been targeting small businesses and any type of individual.

It should be noted, that in scams 2-4, if the victim sends money after the first phone call, they will usually receive another telephone call informing the victim that the amount was incorrect and that they need to send additional funds.