

MEDIA RELEASE

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Powell Sanitation Department Scam

Sheriff Jimmy Harris states as follows:

On the morning of May 29, Sheriff Jimmy Harris received a phone call from Chief Stephen Dutton, Powell Police Department, regarding a scam to which several Powell residents have fallen victim. Chief Dutton reported that someone has been calling customers of the Town of Powell Sanitation Department, stating that they are collecting past due sanitation bills. The caller requests a credit card number and other information in order to make the bill current.

The Town of Powell, however, does not contact customers who are late on payments via telephone, nor does it accept credit card payments. Sheriff Harris joins Chief Dutton in warning Powell and other DeKalb County citizens that these phone calls are scams and should be treated as such. In this, as well as in other similar situations, citizens are advised never to give personal or credit card information over the telephone. It is always a good idea to request that a caller send you something in writing for you to review before giving out any payment or personal information.

If you have received or in the future receive any such phone call, please contact the Sheriff's Office or your local police department and make a report.

