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Police Caution Public About Phone Scam

(Roanoke County, VA—November 10, 2017) Roanoke County Police are urging citizens to remain vigilant in not falling prey to phone scams. Police received a report about a phone scam during which the caller identifies himself as a detective and advises the citizen that there is a warrant out for their arrest for not paying an outstanding debt, but could use their credit card to pay it by phone.

The caller may be using a practice known as 'caller ID spoofing,' which is deliberately falsifying the number from which they are calling. The call has a 540 area code, leading people to believe that the call is from within their community.

Roanoke County Police remind citizens of the following:

- No representative from the court system or law enforcement would ever ask for or take payment over the phone for anything.
- Please report the scam phone calls to law enforcement so they can follow up on the case.
- If you are a victim of this scam, or are aware of this scam and other scams, please inform others to educate them to prevent future crimes.
- If you are a victim and have not reported the crime, please contact the Emergency Communication Center at (540) 562-3265 to make a report.

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