

More Scam Attempts Reported in Hunterdon - April 04, 2014
HUNTERDON COUNTY SHERIFF

Hunterdon County Sheriff Brown announced that a new variation to the scam reported back in September of 2013 has emerged. The former racket involved supposedly ignoring a ticket for running a red light and being photographed by a traffic camera. The new scam has people being called on their phone and being told that they failed to report for Jury Duty and that a warrant has been issued for their arrest.

The caller says he is a Lieutenant with the Hunterdon County Sheriff's Office and he has an arrest warrant for failing to show up for Jury Duty but, they can avoid arrest by purchasing a Green Dot card, which can be done over the phone or online, and then calling the "Lieutenant" back with an authorization number to withdraw the money from the account. Money amounts required to avoid arrest have reached the vicinity of \$ 500.

Sheriff Brown informed that legitimate law enforcement officers do not tell people to provide money card information to avoid arrest as a lawful arrest is done "in person". He further added that scammers, shysters or swindlers only want one thing - that is to get your money through trickery and you should not reveal any personal information over the phone. One should try to gather names, phone numbers given and any locations and report them to your local police.