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MEDIA RELEASE

Date: August 1, 2018

INCIDENT: Phone Scams

DATE/TIME OF INCIDENT: Daily

LOCATION: Rice County

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT:

Law Enforcement throughout the county are taking numerous complaints and phone calls from citizens reporting phone scams. Just this morning, a citizen of Morristown received a phone call stating that her grandson had been arrested and she needed to forward money to someone to get him out of jail.

This is just one of the many scams these people are using. They are also saying your owe money from an old credit card, from work done on your residence in the past or many other ideas. These are fraudulent.

We want to remind the public to not give credit card or bank information over the phone. Don't rush down to send cashier's check or a money order without confirming the story. Contact your relative or the business that states that you owe them money. Most companies will work with you if you do owe money to set up a payment plan. The phone number being used will most likely not go back to the legitimate business. Don't let your emotions get the best of you and don't let them strong arm you on the phone to give them your hard earned money. Be careful and cautious.

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