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****2016 SCAM NOTICES****

In an effort to keep the public informed about active scams currently being reported in our area we have compiled a list and brief description, so that citizens can better protect their assets in the event they are approached by scammers.

WARNING

IRS SCAM-- there have been several reports in our area of citizens receiving a call from a person identifying themselves as an IRS official stating "you owe back taxes and must make a payment to avoid prosecution". The caller then asks for credit card information for payment to be made.

The Luray Police Department is recommending that you do not give credit card information over the phone to anyone identifying themselves as an IRS official. The IRS does not request payment of owed taxes in this manner.

NEED BAIL/BOND MONEY-- Several citizens have reported financial losses to this scam. The victims received a call from someone stating they are their grandson who is in jail in another city/town and needs bail/bond money. The scammer then asks the victim to wire money via Western Union or Walmart Services to their account.

If you receive a call in this manner please contact local law enforcement to confirm the validity of the call.

WALMART/TARGET REBATE CERTIFICATE-- A Luray citizen has report that after receiving a rebate certificate in the mail they called a number to redeem it. Upon calling the number on the rebate certificated they were instructed to provide a credit card number with the security code to pay for shipping of the certificate. The citizen then received a call from their credit card company inquiring about fraudulent purchases.

Please take notice of the attached photo of the rebate certificate being used as a scam. Report this to local police and do not provide any account information to anyone connected to the rebate certificate.