

Warren Township, 46 Mountain Boulevard, Warren, NJ 07059



## ***Beware of Phone Scams***

The Warren Twp. Police would like all residents to be aware of the latest Internal Revenue Service (IRS) money scam and other related scams by telephone. We urge you not to give any personal information over the phone and do not mail any monies to anyone without first consulting your local police department, family or friends. The IRS and other government agencies do not contact citizens by telephone to collect payments or funds.

The IRS has issued a new warning about the latest scam involving phone calls from people claiming to be IRS agents. The warning explains that, "In the scam, callers demand students pay a fake 'federal student tax,' and if they don't wire money quickly enough the scammers threaten to inform the police."

Additionally, the IRS reports the targeting of senior citizens where victims receive a telephone call from someone claiming to be from the IRS. They are told that they will be arrested if they do not make a payment immediately. According to the Senate Committee on Aging, "Almost 1 million individuals have been targeted by scammers, noting that 5,000 people lost \$26 million last year."

The Warren Twp. Police have also been seeing an increase in phone scam calls where callers are told a family member is in jail and bail money must be wired or mailed immediately to release them. Again, no police agency will call requesting bail money be mailed or wired; you must pay bail in person. Should you receive a call like this, contact the family member in question and/or your local police department before taking any action.

The first line of defense with scams like this is that you do not become a victim.

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