Police Gift Card Scams

There is a rising trend in PWC where residents receive fraudulent phone calls from scammers. These scammers claim to be with a law enforcement agency, and claim the individual has an active warrant. They instruct them to take care of the warrant by purchasing gift cards and giving them the numbers on the back of these cards.

Different tactics can be used to make an individual believe this is real. They may make your caller ID show the name of the agency, use an actual officer’s name, state they are from a government agency, and even provide addresses of these agencies.

IMPORTANT:
The Prince William County Police Department, and other law enforcement agencies, will not call and ask for money/gift cards for any reason.

How to Protect Yourself:

- Do not answer your phone if you do not recognize the number.
- Do not give out your personal information over the phone, unless you initiated the call.
- If you do receive a call like this, hang up the phone and contact the Police Department at 703-792-6500.