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SHERIFF'S OFFICE URGES PUBLIC TO BEWARE OF IRS PHONE SCAM

SUMMIT COUNTY, COLORADO – If you receive a phone call from a person who claims to be from the IRS hang up immediately. An IRS telephone scam has been making its way across many homes and may be one of the biggest scams of its kind.

The perpetrators threaten those who refuse to pay with arrest, deportation, or loss of a business or drivers license. They make contact via telephone and may know your personal information including the last 4 digits of your social security number and your bank account number.

If you actually owe on your taxes, the IRS will mail you a written notification. They will never reach out through an unsolicited phone call.

Other signs to look out for in this scam:

- The caller often uses a common name and fake IRS badge number
- The caller ID appears to be from the IRS or Washington, D.C.
- Payment is requested through a pre-paid debit card or wire transfer

If you have any questions regarding your taxes call the IRS at 800-829-1040.

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