

## Attention Southern Shores residents:

Please read the following release from Chief Deputy Hoggard, Dare County Sheriff's Office about the recent phone scam that have occurred in Dare County to include the Town of Southern Shores. Also, be aware of any other frauds or scams that might attempt to solicit or obtain money from you. Other frauds or scams might even attempt to tell you that you have won money or prizes. Please do not give any personal information to anyone via phone or internet. If you have any question about a call or email you have received, please feel free to contact your local Law Enforcement agency to prevent from becoming a victim of a fraud or scam.

Thank you,  
Southern Shores Police Dept.



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**PRESS RELEASE**  
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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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**RELEASED BY: Chief Deputy Steve Hoggard**

### **DARE SHERIFF WARNS AGAINST PHONE SCAMS**

Dare County Sheriff Doug Doughtie has issued the following statement:

"It has come the attention of the Sheriff's Office that several Dare County residents have received phone calls from someone identifying themselves as a Dare County Deputy Sheriff, asking them for information regarding payment of a fine, tax or some other money owed, or asking them to report to a location for the payment of a fine. The caller may also ask for credit card or other identifying information. This is a scam that has been reported in other jurisdictions, most notably in the Tidewater Virginia area. Our Deputies often call citizens to inform them of court appearances, or to schedule appointments for the service of processes. At no time will a legitimate Dare County Sheriff's Deputy ask any citizen for credit card information or other information indicating that a debt or other money must be paid immediately over the phone, nor will they ask you to come to a location for the purpose of paying a fine. Citizens should never give a caller their credit card or other identifying information. You should not give out confidential personal information, except during legitimate, verified transactions. At no time should you consent to meet someone at any location unless you are sure that you know that individual and that his or her business is legitimate. If you receive one of these calls, please call Dare 911 or your local Law Enforcement Agency."