



# NILES POLICE DEPARTMENT

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### IRS Tax Scam Warnings

**Niles, Illinois** – Don't fall for this scam during Tax Season. Residents have been reporting that have been contacted via the telephone by people pretending to be from the Internal Revenue Service. The scam at this point they vary in several directions. The first scam is that they owe back taxes and could be arrested or deported if they don't immediately pay them. The second scam is in concert with the filing of a tax return in your name. The scammer will file a tax return using your information. The scammer then will call and pretend to be from the IRS. They will say you received an illegal tax return and you need to immediately need to return the money.

In both scams, the caller will ask you to either send them money via electronic/online credit cards, gift cards or to send money via Western Union. In all of these situations they are a scam and result in you not only losing the money, but in the later scam you will also run into an issue with the Internal Revenue Service when you try to file your real tax return and they identify you already filed a return. This could delay your tax return significantly as the Internal Revenue Service would need to investigate the fraud.

The Niles Police Department Crime Prevention Bureau wants all of our residents to be aware of these types of scams and what they can do to protect themselves from falling victim to them.

The callers who commit this fraud often:

- Make caller ID information appear as if the IRS is calling
- Send bogus IRS e-mails to support their scam
- Call a second time claiming to be the police or department of motor vehicles, and the caller ID again supports their claim

If you get a call from someone claiming to be with the IRS asking for a payment, here's what to do:

- **If you owe Federal taxes, or think you might owe taxes, hang up and call the IRS at 800-829-1040.** The Internal Review Service staff can assist you with your payment questions.
- **DO NOT PAY ANY MONEY or USE GIFT CARDS TO ONLINE TO A CALLER TO PAY ALLEGED BACK TAXES OR FINES OWED.**
- The simplest thing to do is hang up. Look up the number for the Internal Revenue Service and call the number that you have found either through 411 or online. Do not call the number that is displayed in your caller ID.

When in doubt at any time we ask that you contact the Niles Police Department for assistance.