

# Mendocino County Sheriff's Office Press Release

(Title of Crime/Incident) Public Announcement/ Money transfer scam

**Report Number:** 2015

**Coroner Number:**

**Crime/Incident:** Public Announcement/ Money transfer scam

**Location:** Mendocino County

**When: Date:** 07-28-2015 **Time:** 12:00 PM

**Victim Info :**

Name	Age	Street Address	City, State
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**Suspect Info:**

Name	Age	Street Address	City, State
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**Written by:** Sergeant Andrew Porter

**Synopsis:**

The Mendocino County Sheriff's Office has received several calls from concerned citizens who are reporting a possible money transfer scam.

The callers indicate they had been contacted by a member of the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office, who in turn advised them they had missed jury duty and that they have a warrant for their arrest as a result.

The Scammers then instruct the victim that they can pay off an arrest warrant by obtaining an amount of money, (Over \$5,000.00) and forward it electronically via various money sending programs located in local grocery stores.

The Sheriff's Office wants to alert everyone that in no way does the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office call people and try to obtain money in this fashion and if you receive one of these calls it is likely a money scam.

If you receive one of these calls please contact your local law enforcement agency to report its occurrence.

For more information on money transfer scams please see the Federal Trade commission website at:

<http://www.consumer.ftc.gov/media/video-0046-money-transfer-scams>

**Approved By:** Captain Greg Van Patten

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