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News Release

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Sheriff Lavender would like to alert the community that his office has taken a complaint about a possible *phone scam*.

One of his deputies received a complaint from a resident stating they were contacted by someone claiming to work for the Internal Revenue Service. The person told her that because of her credit score she had been awarded a large sum of money. The person told her that she would need to send \$100.00 to him via Western Union in order to redeem the award.

The deputy contacted the number that called and when he identified himself was hung up on.

Sheriff Lavender wants to alert the community to this scam and encourages residents to call and report anything suspicious to his office at 740-773-1185 or Southern Ohio Crime Stoppers at 740-773-8477.