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SCAM ALERT: Do Not Make Phone Payments for Alleged Warrants

(STATEWIDE, Alaska) – BEWARE OF THIS REOCCURRING PHONE SCAM! An individual, usually a male, calls and identifies themselves as a trooper using various names and ranks. The caller advises people that they, or one of their family members, have active warrants and states the victim must pay their bail to the caller or face arrest and possible additional fines. The caller explains they can pay him with green dot cards or prepaid credit cards to take care of the warrants. He may also provide call back numbers which usually go directly to an answering machine if they are called. This scam has taken place in Anchorage, Fairbanks, Juneau, the Kenai Peninsula and could occur in other communities.

Be aware that the Alaska State Troopers will NOT ask for payment over the phone or offer to negotiate for reduced payment in lieu of arrest. If you are concerned that you may have a warrant for your arrest with the AST, you can look at the active warrants website: <http://dps.alaska.gov/AST/warrants/>. You can also look up the phone number for your local law enforcement agency to see if they can verify if a warrant is in existence and obtain information on how to correctly deal with the situation. No law enforcement agency will collect funds during a phone call or ask that payment be made using pre-paid credit cards or green dot cards that are obtained from convenient stores.

If you believe you have been a victim of a scam, contact your local law enforcement. For Alaska State Troopers local post contact information visit: <http://anchqgsw424w/AST/contacts.aspx>

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