

# CHINO VALLEY POLICE NEWS RELEASE

## \*\*\*SCAM ALERT SCAM ALERT SCAM ALERT\*\*\*

On August 15, 2017 the IRS scam returned to Chino Valley Arizona. The GREAT NEWS is the victim was not defrauded as there was quick Law Enforcement intervention.

The SCAMMERS utilized a spoofing system to duplicate the phone number of the Chino Valley Police Department and called the Chino Valley resident. The SCAMMERS told the victim they were issuing a warrant and would have the local police arrest him if they didn't send money. The SCAMMERS told the victim they could hear him through the phone even when the call was disconnected. The SCAMMERS led the victim to believe they were watching him. The victim was contacted on a traffic stop, after emptying his bank account and maxing out his credit card. The alert officer knew something wasn't right and spent the time to dig into the situation and prevented the victim from a horrible decision.

The IRS and Chino Valley Police Department will never, under any circumstance, tell you to send, give or provide any money, gift cards, goods or services to prevent you from going to jail. If we have a legitimate reason to talk to you we will ask to meet with you in person or ask you to come to the police station. If you ever doubt or wonder if the caller is real, please ask the caller's name and then call us back, not at the number provided by the SCAMMER, but the official public number to the Police Department. Please DON'T ever pull money from your account, give personal information or send anything to anyone due to a phone call.