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**\*\*\*PRESS RELEASE\*\*\***

**For Immediate Release**

On Friday, August 11, 2017, the Harrison County Sheriff's Department has received numerous phone calls regarding a phone scam.

The caller is telling people they have a failure to appear warrant and/or a contempt of court warrant through the Harrison County Sheriff's Department, actually using the names of real Deputies. According to the caller, they are asking the victim to drive to the Harrison County Jail and pay \$875.00 or go to Jail for the warrant. They are asking for payment through the jail Kiosk. This is a SCAM! A previous similar scam in 2016 was traced back to a Correctional Facility in Atmore Alabama.

No Law Enforcement Agency or Court System uses a phone calling system to address old fines or warrants through the courts. This is all done by personal service or hand delivered Subpoena. Anytime someone calls you telling you they are with a Police Agency asking for money, it is a scam!

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