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## News Release

### For Immediate Release

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### Police Caution Public About Phone Scam

**March 17, 2023** – Roanoke County Police are urging citizens to remain vigilant in not falling prey to phone scams. Police have been notified that several citizens in the Roanoke Valley have received phone calls from an individual claiming to be a sergeant with the Roanoke County Police Department. The individual claims that the citizens have failed to appear in court and must pay their debt in order to avoid arrest. The individual also provides a phone number with the sergeant's name on the voicemail to make it appear more legitimate.

Roanoke County Police remind citizens of the following:

- No representative from the court system or law enforcement would ever ask for or take payment over the phone for anything.
- Please report the scam phone calls to law enforcement so they can follow up on the case.
- If you are a victim of this scam, or are aware of this scam and other scams, please inform others to educate them to prevent future crimes.
- If you are a victim and have not reported the crime, please contact the Emergency Communication Center at (540) 562-3265 to make a report.

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