



## **Sweetwater Scam Alert**

### **Sheriff Warns of Resurgent IRS Scams**

**Sweetwater County Sheriff Mike Lowell issued a warning Wednesday about a resurgence of IRS scams circulating in Sweetwater County.**

**Lowell said one scam strategy is for people to call directly, falsely identify themselves as agents of the federal government - especially the Internal Revenue Service - and demand payment of (allegedly) delinquent income taxes.**

**In other instances, people receive recorded calls or direct calls that instruct them to call a certain number back. The men or women who answer the call will identify themselves as government agents and demand money.**

**Genuine communications from the IRS begin with a letter, not a phone call**

**The Sheriff's Office makes the following recommendations to those who receive such calls: If you actually owe on your federal income taxes or think you might owe, contact the IRS directly at 1-800-829-1040 to speak with a genuine official about your tax issues.**

**If you know you don't owe any income taxes, call 1-800-366-4484 to report the caller to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration.**

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