

POCONO MOUNTAIN REGIONAL



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CURRENT DATE: 10/16/2017

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DATE OF INCIDENT: TIME OF INCIDENT:

LOCATION OF INCIDENT:

TYPE OF INCIDENT: Phone Scams

PERSONS ARRESTED / ACCUSED:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Address</u>
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SUMMARY OF DETAILS: The Pocono Mountain Regional Police would like to issue a public awareness announcement regarding phone scams throughout the region. Our agency has received multiple complaints regarding fraudulent organizations claiming to be the IRS, Social Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security or other official sounding government agencies. The fraud involves an allegation of tax or other governmental delinquency and requests payment through Western Union, pre-loaded debit cards and gift cards. Some scams have targeted the elderly claiming to have their grand children in custody and seeking the above methods of payment to "bail them out". Other scams target the hard of hearing or people with limited English. Be advised that government agencies will not seek any payment in any of the above forms and will typically initiate contact with a letter on official letter head with a call back number. The PMRPD is urging residents that receive these calls to not disclose any personal information or release any payment prior to verifying the authenticity of the caller and organization. Anyone receiving such a call or who has been victimized by a phone scam is urged to file a report with your local law enforcement agency, the Federal Trade Commission or the Inspector General of the US Treasury Department.

CHARGES FILED (Include grading):

CHARGES PENDING (Include grading):

ARRAIGNMENT JUDGE:

BAIL:

PRELIMINARY HEARING:

Date: Time: District Justice: Choose an item.

PMRPD ASSISTED BY: