

OUTSTANDING BENCH WARRANT OR CASE NUMBER

OUTSTANDING BENCH WARRANT OR CASE NUMBER – The Lee County Sheriff's Office recently report several incidents that have occurred in the past involving caller ID spoofing and the impersonation of a Sheriff's employee demanding money in lieu of arrest for an outstanding bench warrant. Unfortunately, in one case, the male caller was successful in convincing one frightened victim to purchase \$7,000 in reloadable gift cards before a legitimate deputy sheriff was able to intervene and put an end to the on-going scam.

In another scam, a woman received a voice mail message from someone claiming to represent the Clerk of Courts, advised her she "owed money on fake case number and that she needed to return their call at in a very timely manner, or they would be forced to show up at her home – knocking on her door".

The Clerk's office emphasizes that court personnel do not make phone calls with the intent of collecting fees nor to threaten an arrest. Correspondence from court personnel are done primarily through the mail.

For more information about bench warrants call 239-533-5000, option 2, and then option 5