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The Sheriff's Office has received multiple calls about a possible scam going around in the community. Callers have advised that they are receiving phone calls from individuals claiming to be with IRS. The caller states that the victims owe back taxes that must be paid immediately. The caller further instructs victims to purchase a prepaid card or use other various payment methods to pay these back taxes or they will be further fined, arrested or their property may be seized. The Sheriff would like to advise the citizens of Bates County that this is in fact a scam and the IRS does not operate their business in this manner. These types of scams occur more frequently during tax time. The Sheriff would also like to advise citizens to never give out personal information or bank information over the phone to anyone, no matter who they state they are. If you believe you are the victim of a scam, please contact a Deputy at the Bates County Sheriff's Office.