



WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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Media Release

Kidnapping Phone Scam Targets Washington County

August 14, 2017 – Deputies took several reports today from county residents who received phone calls in which the caller claimed to have kidnapped a family member and demanded money.

On Monday, August 14, 2017, several county residents called the Washington County Sheriff's Office to report suspicious phone calls they had received.

The complainants reported that an unknown caller told them a family member was being held hostage. During the calls, realistic-sounding screams and yelling could be heard in the background.

The caller demanded ransom money in order to release the hostage.



In none of these reports is there evidence that anyone has been kidnapped or harmed.

The Washington County Sheriff's Office strives to keep the public informed about ongoing crime trends in our community. If you have information about this or any crime, please call our non-emergency dispatch number at 503-629-0111.