

# Fayette County Sheriff's Office

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## **Scam Calls Increase Across Fayette County**

*FCSO warns residents to be aware of calls from impersonators*

FAYETTE COUNTY, GA- The Fayette County Sheriff's Office is issuing a warning to the public regarding a recent surge in spam calls from individuals impersonating Sheriff's deputies. These fraudulent calls aim to deceive and exploit innocent individuals for large amounts of money.

The Fayette County Sheriff's Office has received multiple reports of scammers posing as law enforcement officers, specifically Sheriff's deputies, contacting individuals and requesting money. The impersonators are using the names of John Tavers and Jacob Winters. They are using spoofing techniques to make their calls appear as the official phone numbers of the Sheriff's Office.

The Fayette County Sheriff's Office urges the public to be aware of the following red flags that may indicate a fraudulent call and please note that our office will never ask for any sort of immediate payment via wire transfer, prepaid debit cards, or cryptocurrency (bitcoins) via phone calls to settle warrants, jury duty or posting a bond.

If you receive a suspicious call, report it to our watch office at 770-461-6353. Providing as much information as possible about the call can assist in ongoing investigations.

The Fayette County Sheriff's Office remains committed to promoting community safety and urges everyone to remain vigilant against these fraudulent calls. By staying informed and taking necessary precautions, we can safeguard ourselves and our loved ones from falling victim to these scams.

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