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FAKE IRS FORMS CIRCULATING

The Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office wants to warn local residents of an e-mail scam circulating in our area that includes a fake IRS form.

Residents report getting an email about applying for Child Benefit payments. It includes a form that requests bank account and other personal information.

Please be aware that the IRS does not send taxpayers unsolicited e-mails about their tax accounts, tax situations or personal tax issues.

Similar scams have been reported where con artists use the information provided to steal the person's identity and attempt to empty their bank accounts.

If you get a questionable e-mail from the IRS, don't open any attachments or click on any links. Simply forward the email to phishing@irs.gov.

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