



FRAUD ALERT!

Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office
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IRS Scams

One of the oldest IRS scams is when a con-artists calls or emails someone saying their tax return check is ready and they need to verify their information and confirm how much you are to receive. Once the unsuspecting individual gives the okay the con-artist begins by confirming your mailing address and quickly moves onto your bank account and other information.

There are more scams concerning tax returns circulating involving rebates, audits and variations of the IRS name with companies or individuals using the IRS acronym, but with different words (ex. Internal Refund Service).

If you receive an email from someone claiming to be from the IRS forward the email to phishing@irs.gov.

Important things to remember:

- The IRS will **not** contact you about your tax return by phone or email.
- The **only** way you will receive a check is if you file a 2010 Tax Return.
- The IRS will use the mailing address you place on your return.
- Use direct deposit into your checking account for tax returns in 2011.
- The IRS will not contact you via the telephone or e-mail.

If you are contacted by someone claiming to be with the IRS, hang-up and call the IRS at 1-800-366-4484.

To learn more about scams involving the IRS go to www.irs.gov. For more ways you can protect yourself from con-artists visit the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office Crime Prevention web site at www.sheriff-okaloosa.org To receive the Sheriff's Office Fraud Alerts email Crime Prevention Specialist Ashley Bailey abailey@sheriff-okaloosa.org

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Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office
Fraud Line at 850-651-7674

