

Henniker police warn residents about Green Dot MoneyPak scams

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The Henniker police are urging residents not to fall prey to a money scam involving Green Dot MoneyPak cards.

Over the past few months, the police have received reports from about a half-dozen residents who said they had gotten the scam calls. No one who reported the scam had given over any money.

In most cases, the police said, a caller contacts residents claiming to be with the IRS and tells them they owe money on their most recent taxes. Then the caller gives specific instructions that direct residents to purchase a Green Dot MoneyPak card and provide the account information, police Chief Ryan Murdough said.

The cards work like reloadable, prepaid debit cards and are sold at many drug and convenience stores.

The police are urging residents to stay vigilant and be aware of these types of scams.

“Anytime anyone pushes you to make a payment using a Green Dot card, it almost certainly is a scam,” said Murdough said.

The ploy isn’t unique to New Hampshire. News outlets across the country have reported similar instances, where scammers impersonate utility billing personnel, government agencies or fundraising groups to get people to buy Green Dot MoneyPak cards and then send them the information.

“When somebody calls you, don’t give your personal information,” Murdough said.

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