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Clerk of Courts

# SCAM ALERT

## Protect Yourself, Family, and Friends From Payment Scams

Hamilton County Sheriff Charmaine McGuffey and Clerk of Courts Pavan Parikh are issuing the following alert: Payments are **NOT** requested or processed over the phone. If you receive a phone call requesting any form of payment or are threatened with arrest, **THIS IS A SCAM.**

If you suspect a phone call might be a scam, hang up and call the Sheriff's Office back directly at **513-825-1500** to confirm.

### It Is A Scam If...

- **You receive a phone call or text from a person claiming to be a Hamilton County Sheriff's Office demanding money.** The Sheriff's Office will NEVER request or process a financial transaction or threaten arrest over the phone.
- **You are asked to pay at a retail store** such as CVS, Walmart, Kroger or local bank branch
- **You are asked to pay with an electronic transfer** through CashApp, Bitcoin, or other apps
- **You are asked to pay by purchasing gift cards**
- **You are asked to meet someone outside the Justice Center to make a payment**

### How Do I Pay A Bond in Hamilton County?

- **All bonds must be posted in person.** Bonds may be posted 24 hours a day, 365 days a year at the Clerk of Courts Municipal Criminal/Traffic Division located on the 1st Floor of the Hamilton County Justice Center, 1000 Sycamore Street.
- **Bond payments are accepted in the form of cash, or credit/debit cards: Mastercard, Visa, American Express, or Discover.**
- **Photo ID is required** for posting of bond.