



# TARPON SPRINGS POLICE DEPARTMENT MEDIA RELEASE

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Date: 11/14/19

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Tarpon Springs Police received a report on this date that an elderly person received a telephone call from an individual recently who identified themselves as a Tarpon Springs Police detective. The alleged "detective" informed the individual that if they did not provide the "detective" with financial compensation an arrest warrant would be issued for them. The individual subsequently sent the "detective" gift card information at the suspect's request. This is a common scam that is being perpetrated and no member of law enforcement will lawfully request financial compensation, in any form, to prevent the issuance of an arrest warrant. Persons who have been contacted by any alleged member of this agency in a similar manner are asked to contact the police department at (727) 937-6151 or 937-6152.

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