



## Kingman County Sheriff's Office

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### **Sheriff warns residents of telephone scam**

The Kingman County Sheriff's Office is alerting local residents to a telephone scam in the area.

On Aug. 18, residents began reporting that they were receiving calls from people claiming to be a grandchild who was in legal trouble. Callers are instructing the victims to obtain four iTunes prepaid cards in a predetermined amount and then call a number provided by the caller once the cards are obtained. The purchase of the iTunes cards is legitimate and no refunds are available from the bank or credit cards that are used to make the purchases.

The Federal Trade Commission has publicized the same scams recently on the Internet. Scammers are also using Amazon gift cards, PayPal, re-loadable credit cards as well as wiring of funds via Western Union and MoneyGram.

Generally, the scammer asks funds to be sent to a location outside of the United States, making the case very difficult, if not impossible, to investigate and solve.

The Kingman County Sheriff would like to remind people to never provide personal information or financial information to anyone over the phone without verification of the caller's identity.

If you receive a call similar the one described, please save the incoming phone number and contact the Sheriff's Office at 532-5133. For more information, contact the Federal Trade Commission at: [www.ftc/complaint.gov](http://www.ftc/complaint.gov).

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