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IRS Scams

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It is that time of year again, tax season. The Kootenai County Sheriff's Office would like to warn the citizens of Kootenai County about several IRS scams.

First and foremost, the IRS will not initially call you. If there is an issue with your taxes, they will send you a letter first, **NOT CALL YOU ON THE TELEPHONE.**

Numerous times last year and just recently this year, several residents reported receiving calls that go something similar to this: A call is received by you with the caller or recording stating it is the IRS and that you should immediately call them regarding a lawsuit the IRS will be filing against you, or a possible arrest warrant will be issued. The caller or recording will provide a telephone number for you to call. **Do not** call the number, this is a **scam.**

Or, a call is received by you with the caller stating they are with the IRS and asking you for your personal information (name, address, Social Security Number), this is **another scam.**

If you filed your tax return, and the IRS notifies you **by mail** your tax return has already been filed, someone has used your Social Security Number for filing a tax return. You will need to contact the "IRS ID Protection Unit" at 800-908-4490 to receive and complete the IRS #14039 form. This form can also be found at the IRS website.

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