

PRESS RELEASE – TELEPHONE SCAMS!



The City of Three Forks wanted to inform you of various telephone scams going on. We have either experienced these ourselves at City Hall, or have heard about them from others in Three Forks. The Scams Are:

- You have won a trip to Florida, with an additional trip to the Bahamas – all you need to do is confirm with them your valid credit card or checking account information
- Your family member is in jail and needs a large dollar amount put on gift cards (in this case iTunes gift cards were specified!) or else they will not be released from jail and they may lose their job
- A phone number you recognize calls and offers some other scam, but this call is accepted because it is from your friend, family, or a well known business, even a government office!
- We share these scams with you to inform you that this happens every day and we want you to know just how many frauds are out there trying to take advantage of you!

You will not win a trip by providing your personal banking information.

Bail Bonds companies do not solicit bonds by trading gift cards.

**If you have to provide your social security number to verify yourself to
someone calling you – it is most likely a scam.**

Beware of those preying off of your naivety and your willingness to trust others. Living in a small community we tend to trust each other. Just remember not every phone call is from someone in our small community, even if their name and number show up on your caller ID.