

Press Release

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SCAM ALERT

The City of Onalaska appears to be the target of an ongoing scam. Residents are contacted by individuals representing themselves as IRS collection agents. Residents are told that they owe money to the IRS and need to make arrangements for payment.

"There has been a recent influx of these calls to Onalaska residents, especially today" said Onalaska Assistant Chief of Police Troy Miller, "we want to make sure that our citizens know that this is a scam. This is not the way the Internal Revenue Service notifies citizens of audits."

The Onalaska Police Department reminds citizens to NEVER give personal or banking information over the phone to unsolicited callers.

"Our Dispatch Center had numerous reports of citizens getting calls from the IRS today," said Miller, "if you get a call like this just hang up."

Unfortunately these calls are generally untraceable so it is impossible to locate the scammers. The best defense to these scams is awareness."