



# Umatilla County Sheriff's Office

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## Be Aware of Potential For Phone Scam

**Pendleton, Ore.** - The Umatilla County Sheriff's Office is proactively informing residents to be aware of a phone scam that has occurred in another Oregon County.

The Yamhill County Sheriff's Office issued a Media Release April 16, 2007, stating citizens in their county had received fraudulent telephone solicitations the previous week. The caller claimed to represent Oregon State Sheriff's and asked for donations. According to Yamhill County Sheriff Jack Crabtree, the Oregon State Sheriff's Association does not solicit money via telephone.

Umatilla County Sheriff John Trumbo said, "we have not had this problem but it's just a matter of time before it could happen." Trumbo wants to make Umatilla County citizens aware of the fraud attempt in case the scam does circulate through our area.

Anyone receiving a phone solicitation they believe is suspicious may contact the Oregon Department of Justice Consumer Hotline. They can be reached Monday through Friday, 8am through 4:30pm at 1-877-877-9392.

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