



# HIGH POINT POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS MEDIA RELEASE

Page 1 of 1



---

Chief of Police J. Travis Stroud

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CONTACT: High Point Police Department  
On Duty Watch Commander  
**336-883-8548 (Media Line)**

## **INCIDENT TYPE – FRAUD WARNING**

HIGH POINT, NC – On 08/05/2021, the High Point Police Department was made aware of a scam targeting the residents and businesses of High Point, NC. An unidentified subject has called several individuals claiming to be a Detective with the High Point Police Department and claiming the individual has missed a court date or subpoena and is subject to arrest or a fine. The caller then requests that the individual get a sum of money and then meet someone to pay the fine to avoid arrest. The unidentified subject is calling from telephone number 336-444-9296.

The High Point Police Department will not call anyone and ask them to pay a fine. The High Point Police Department will not accept a payment by cash, check, credit card, PayPal, CashApp, or by any other means.

The High Point Police Department wants everyone to be aware and not fall victim to this scam or any similar scam. To protect yourself, follow these helpful tips:

- Don't answer phone calls from unknown or unrecognized numbers.
- Don't give out your personal or financial information over the telephone.
- If you answer a call and believe it is a scam, don't say anything and hang up.
- A law enforcement agency will not request anyone to pay a fine away from the agency building.

If you believe that you have been contacted as part of this scam, please contact the High Point Police Department at 336-883-3224.

The High Point Police Department remains committed to crime-fighting, community engagement, training, and professional policing. We will continue to collaborate with our community members and crime-fighting partners to promote a higher quality of life. Anyone with information about violent crime or illegal activity is asked to contact Crime Stoppers of High Point at 336-889-4000 or Download the P3 mobile app for IOS or Android.

*Case Report Number(s): 2021-23692*

*Press Release prepared by: Lt. BJ MacFarland*

#####



Crime Stoppers of High Point pays cash rewards for information that leads to arrests, seizures or solving serious crimes. Callers with successful tips remain anonymous and receive rewards up to \$5,000. Contact Crime Stoppers at 336-889-4000 or Download the P3 Tips mobile app for IOS or Android