

On Monday, March 18th at 3:21 pm I received three consecutive calls on my personal cell phone from a "blocked" number. On the third call the caller left a voicemail, stating that he was Jason Roberts with the Canyon County Sheriff's office (Field?) Division wanting me to get in contact with him at phone # 208-306-8671. When I called the number back it went to an official sounding voicemail for Sergeant Jason Roberts of the Canyon County Sheriff's office. I left a message stating my name and phone # and that I was returning his call. I continued to call his number several times until I received a call back from him at 5:20 pm. He identified himself again as Sergeant Jason Roberts with the Canyon County Sheriff's office. He had a slight southern accent and spoke very quickly and was difficult to understand. He had my full name, my birthdate, my phone number and home address.

He asked if I was aware there was a federal arrest warrant issued for me due to a 'Failure to Appear for Federal jury duty' and a Contempt of Court. Two different charges and two different warrants. He stated that he had a signed Federal Jury Summons (signed by me at my home address at a specific time and date) and that if I did not take care of it tonight, it would go from a Civil charge to a Criminal charge in the morning. He stated that they normally closed at 6pm, but he would wait for me at the Canyon County Sheriff's office to 'help me thru the process.' He was adamant that I stay on the phone with him in case law enforcement pulled me over on the way to the Sheriff's office. Obviously, this was upsetting and of course wanting to rectify the situation I proceeded towards Caldwell with him on the phone. At this point he transferred me to another "deputy" Gary Daniels with the Canyon County Sheriff's Department. This officer stated that the call was being recorded and asked if I had received the email from Sergeant Roberts with the Arrest Warrants and the instructions for paying the fines. He was insistent that I pull over (on the freeway) and read these documents that were emailed to me. The email came from a 'Sgt. Brain Adams' at canyoncountycivildept@outlook.com. Looking back, I assume he did not want me to get to the Sheriff's Office too quickly. I pulled over and read the documents which listed the two charges (Failure to Appear and Contempt of Court) with a \$30,000 fine ON EACH CHARGE. They were requiring 10% on each charge, so they wanted \$6,000 to be paid at a "State Certified Bonding Kiosk." They said this was the only form of secured payment the US Treasury has approved for placing personal recognizance bonds which is the Bitcoin vouchers. These kiosks only accept cash. This was also listed on the instructions in the email. After I read this, I told him there was no way I could come up with \$6,000 cash. He said he would reach out to the US Marshal and see if she would reduce the fines. He spoke to someone posing as the US Marshal (I could not hear the voice on the other end of his line, I could only hear his). He said that since I had been compliant, she agreed to reduce the required payment to \$2,000.

At this point I told him this sounded like a scam, and he responded by saying if I needed someone from the Sheriff's Office to call me to verify this, he would have someone call. I then proceeded to pull off the freeway and look up the number for the Sheriff's Office. I left my personal phone connected with him inside the car and stepped out and used my work phone to attempt to call the Sheriff's office. I went online to get the Sheriff's Office phone number and according to Google, the office was closed, so I called 911. After explaining the situation to the Operator, he told me it was a scam and to hang up. He explained that if there was in fact a Warrant for my arrest, this is not the procedure they would take to rectify it.

After I returned to my car and hung up the phone, I received multiple calls from two different numbers: 208-306-8671 (6 calls from this number) and 208-454-7510 (3 calls from this number). When I did not pick up, they left a voicemail. "Gary Daniels" from the Canyon County Sheriff's Dept. said they would have to terminate the whole Federal process and mark me down as "non-compliant" if I did not respond.