



**CITY OF BURNSVILLE, MINNESOTA
POLICE DEPARTMENT**

100 Civic Center Parkway
Burnsville, Minnesota 55337
952-895-4600 • Fax 952-895-4640
www.burnsville.org/police

Eric Gieseke
Chief of Police



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
February 14, 2017

Contact: Sergeant Matt Smith
Burnsville Police Department
O# 952-641-1100
matt.smith@burnsvillemn.gov

**BURNSVILLE POLICE REMIND PUBLIC TO BE DILIGENT ABOUT
TAX SCAM CALLS**

Scam telephone calls tend to increase during tax season. Often, these fraudulent calls involve a caller claiming to be with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), demanding that a victim make an immediate payment or face consequences.

The Burnsville Police Department was recently notified of an incident where an individual received such a call. After the initial call (claiming to be the IRS), the victim received a second call showing the Burnsville Police Department telephone number in the caller ID.

The fraudulent caller claimed to be a Burnsville Police Officer, and told the victim that a warrant had been issued – and that the victim would be arrested if they didn't comply with the demands from the initial call.

The Burnsville Police Department would like to remind people that law enforcement does not make phone calls such as this demanding payment and/or threatening arrest. If a resident receives a call that seems suspicious, they are encouraged to call 9-1-1 to report/inquire about the legitimacy of the call.

According to the IRS at www.irs.gov, the Internal Revenue Service also does not make phone calls such as the one described above. Again, residents are encouraged to report such calls to 9-1-1.

For more information on the Burnsville Police Department visit www.burnsville.org/police.

###