



# Attention Gift Card Customers:



**If you are purchasing GIFT CARDS to pay someone who called you on the phone, BEWARE that it is probably a SCAM!**

In recent months phone scammers have been calling people with many varied stories:

**“Grandchild in Trouble”** Scam claiming to either be your grandchild or that they have arrested your grandchild and you need to send them money (Criminals trick you into saying the grandchild’s name, or they can learn it from the internet)

**“IRS”** Scam, claiming to be an IRS Agent and that you owe back taxes and they plan to arrest you if you do not pay.

**“Missed Court”** Scam claiming you missed court and a Deputy will arrest you if you do not pay.

They may instruct you to buy Gift Cards and to call them back with the numbers, or they may instruct you to pay directly with your Credit Card.

**Real Law Enforcement agencies DO NOT operate that way.**



Know that these Criminals CANNOT HARM YOU. In almost all cases these scammers are in a foreign country, thousands of miles away across the ocean. They might be looking at a picture of your house on the internet, but they CAN NOT come to find you.

Use your phone’s “Caller ID” and “Anonymous Caller Rejection” features. Refuse to answer if it is an unfamiliar number. If you don’t know how, call 611 and your phone company can instruct you. You can also use

[www.NoMoRobo.com](http://www.NoMoRobo.com) on your cable-based phone.

