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## *Scam Alert*

Unfortunately, another week has brought a new scam impacting Union County residents. The Union County Sheriff's Office has investigated two incidents of people claiming to be with the company Amazon who are emailing and calling residents stating there is a problem with their Amazon Account. The scammers convince the victims they needed to provide gift cards in the amount of up to \$500.00 to solve the problem with their account. Once the victim purchases the gift cards, the alleged Amazon staff member asks for the numbers on the back of the gift cards and steals the money off the gift cards. The supposed Amazon staff member will continue to call and email asking for more and more gift cards to "fix" the issue. "Unfortunately, we've already had someone lose several thousand dollars as a result of this fraudulent scam. I encourage everyone to be skeptical and cautious when dealing with emails and phone calls claiming there is a problem with any of their online or financial accounts," said Sheriff Patton. Residents are encouraged to call the Sheriff's Office or their local law enforcement agency for assistance with any email or phone call asking for you to purchase gift cards to solve an account problem.

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