



# *Morgantown Police Department*

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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **“Beware of Phone Scams”**

The Morgantown Police Department wants to remind all citizens to be very wary regarding sharing personal information over the telephone or the internet or conducting financial transactions. During the past week there have been numerous reports of citizens receiving calls requesting money for delinquent claims from the IRS or student taxes. The phone number that was displayed on the caller ID from the suspects shows up as the Morgantown Police Department.

Local Law Enforcement, including the Morgantown Police Department does not solicit the collection of money on behalf of the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) or student taxes.. Should you receive a phone call from someone presenting themselves as a Law Enforcement Officer collecting money on behalf of the Federal Government or demanding immediate payment do not provide any personal information to the caller. Hang up immediately.

This Public Service Announcement is provided to help prevent anyone from becoming a victim of this latest phone scam.

The Morgantown Police Department is committed to its goal of eliminating criminal activity in our city. Citizens are encouraged to become a **“Partner in Policing”**, by reporting suspected criminal activity to Morgantown Police Department Switchboard at (304) 284-7522. If you need immediate Police attention or a crime is in progress call 911.

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