

KCSO SCAM ALERT

The Kershaw County Sheriff's Office is warning residents about an increase in scam calls involving individuals pretending to represent the Sheriff's Office.

Scammers are spoofing the Sheriff's Office phone number and using the names of actual deputies in an attempt to make the calls appear legitimate. In some cases, caller ID may show "Unknown Name" or appear to come from a local number.

Residents should be aware that Kershaw County will not collect fines, fees, warrants, or other payments by text message, email, or phone call. The Sheriff's Office will never demand payment by phone, and residents should never send money, gift cards, cryptocurrency, or Bitcoin without first verifying the information.

Before making any payment, residents should contact the appropriate office directly to confirm whether any fine, fee, or court-related matter is legitimate. This may include the Kershaw County Sheriff's Office, Clerk of Court, Treasurer, Planning and Zoning or Magistrates Office.

If you receive a suspicious call, text, or email claiming to be from the Sheriff's Office, do not provide personal information or payment. Hang up and call the Sheriff's Office directly to verify.

Kershaw County Sheriff's Office: 803.425.1512

The Sheriff's Office encourages residents to share this information with family, friends, and neighbors to help prevent others from becoming victims of these scams.

SC Department of Public Safety Requests Public Feedback

COLUMBIA— The South Carolina Department of Public Safety seeks to maintain the standards of the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). In order to meet and exceed these standards, SCDPS is asking the public for input about the agency. From now until July 17, 2026, SCDPS encourages the public to submit feedback about the agency and any of its law



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enforcement divisions, which includes the South Carolina Highway Patrol, the South Carolina State Transport Police, and the South Carolina Bureau of Protective Services. Public comments can be submitted at the CALEA Public Portal here. Comments may include feedback of all kinds, including concerns or praise, and should be submitted at the CALEA portal link. Please note that any public feedback found on SCDPS social media platforms or sent to any SCDPS inbox will NOT be submitted to the CALEA portal. The purpose of the public comment period is to allow SCDPS to receive feedback regarding compliance with CALEA standards and continuously strengthen the agency's relations with the communities we serve. The overall intent of the process is to gather public feedback and information to support continuous improvement and foster our pursuit of professional excellence. Read more about CALEA accreditation and find the public comment portal link on our website here - CALEA Accreditation | SCDPS. IMPORTANT: CALEA is not an investigatory body; subsequently, the public portal should not be used to submit information for investigative purposes. Additionally, there will be no response other than an acknowledgment of submissions. However, the information will be considered in context to its relevancy to compliance with the standards and tenets of CALEA Accreditation. Standard titles may be viewed on the CALEA website: <https://www.calea.org/node/11406>.

Kershaw THE NEWS-ERA ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

AJ VS DIXIE GIRLS SOCCER(UPPER STATE CHAMPIONSHIP GAME)



AJ #3 Alex Trimnal kicks a corner kick for The Volunteers.....
AJ GIRLS WIN 3-2
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AJ VS BUFORD BOYS SOCCER (UPPER STATE CHAMPIONS GAME)



AJ #25 Banks Steele kicks the ball away from Buford #13 Parker Bohn.....
AJ BOYS LOST 1-2 -- Gwynn Leaird Photo

AJ VS BUFORD GIRLS SOCCER (3RD PLAYOFF GAME)

AJ #6 Emma Riggins throwing the ball.....
...AJ GIRLS WIN 2-1

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AJ VS LAKE CITY(DISTRICT 7 CHAMPIONSHIP GAME)



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