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Offer of Employment Scam Alert

Location of Incident: Yuma County

The Yuma County Sheriff's Office would like to inform the public of imposters and fraud schemes recently targeting job seekers with offers of employment with Yuma County.

Yuma County Government has reported potential victims receiving an offer of employment through fraudulent emails, such as hryumacounty@mail.com and careers.yumacounty@gmail.com. These non-county email domains are a sign of fraud. Any email address originating from Yuma County Government would contain the domain of @yumacountyaz.gov or @governmentjobs.com only.

It should be noted that some of these potential victims had applied for employment at Yuma County, and others may have had their information taken from other public job seeking websites.

When being offered employment with Yuma County Government, be aware that you would be first contacted by phone regarding an offer of employment before requesting any additional personal information that would be needed. These scammers will ask for your driver's license, social security, or bank account number to fill out "employment paperwork." Sharing this sensitive information leaves job seeker's bank accounts vulnerable and likely to identity theft.

If you get a job offer via email that you believe may be fraudulent, do not download any attachments or click on any links. Instead, report the suspicions email to your local law enforcement, and call Yuma County Human Resources at 928-373-1013 to verify the employment information you received.

Recognizing warning signs and taking protective measures such as thoroughly researching companies and being aware of red flags while applying is crucial to prevent yourself from falling victim to job scams. If you believe you have fallen victim of an employment scam, contact law enforcement immediately.

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