



# Newark Police Department

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**BEWARE OF SCAMS:** There are always persons interested in taking your hard-earned money away from you through fraudulent means. In today's world, you never get to see them coming for you. They are contacting you by email, text or phone call regarding:

1. an emergency that needs immediate payment or there will be dire consequence,
2. a Social Security warning of a problem with your account,
3. a utility company warning of an imminent shutoff,
4. a lottery company promising a big prize — once you pay some fees upfront,
5. a relative/ grandchild needing bail or facing another financial emergency,
6. the IRS or a police agency has a warrant for your immediate arrest.

These persons then request payment by directing you to buy one or more gift cards — often referred to as “electronic vouchers” — as a quick means of making payment. After purchasing these cards, you are told to share the numbers on the back of the gift cards by reading them off or sending a picture. At this point, you have given them your hard-earned money without ever seeing anyone!

Should anyone contact you needing:

1. an immediate gift card or electronic voucher,
2. an update to credit/debit card information
3. immediate payment to help a relative or loved one or to prevent law enforcement from arresting you
4. immediate payment of a utility bill or
5. any other requests for immediate payment,

PLEASE HANG UP the phone. Call the relative or other family member to verify if there is emergency. DO NOT respond to the email requests. No legitimate business or service will request immediate payment by gift cards, your credit/debit card numbers or any personal information.

## Newark Police Department April 2021 Information:

Calls for Service: 785

Motor Vehicle Crash Investigations: 28 (22 property damage & 6 personal injury)

Traffic Stops: 23

Traffic Tickets issued: 24 (14 persons)

Incident Reports completed: 89

Arrests: 18 (10— males/3 — females/ 1 - Juvenile; felony charges— 3, misdemeanor charges-14, violation charges- 1)

Use of Force: 0 (YTD — 0)

Respectfully submitted,

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