



MIDDLE RIVER REGIONAL JAIL

Serving Staunton, Waynesboro, Harrisonburg and
the Counties of Augusta and Rockingham

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It is important to be aware that jails, including Middle River Regional Jail, law enforcement agencies and courts in Virginia will not solicit money from you over the phone or through unsolicited communications.

Here is why and what to do if you encounter such requests:

- Scammers often impersonate law enforcement or government agencies to threaten people with arrest or other legal action if they don't immediately pay a fee or fine.
- If you have legitimate business with a law enforcement agency or court, they will likely communicate via formal channels like mail, and never demand payment through methods like cash, gift cards, cryptocurrency, or wire transfers.
- Be suspicious of calls or communications that demand immediate payment, pressure you to act fast, threaten legal action, or ask you to keep the request secret.
- If you receive a suspicious call or communication, hang up immediately. Then, contact the relevant agency directly using the phone numbers listed on their official website to verify the legitimacy of the request.

In summary, if you receive a call or other communication asking for money to avoid arrest or legal action, or related to someone in jail in Virginia, it is most likely a scam. **Do not provide personal or financial information and report the communication to the appropriate authorities.**