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PRESS RELEASE

OFFENSE: Scam/Fraud

DATE: Friday February 12, 2016

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LOCATION: City of Saint Joseph

OFFICERS: Sysko

The St. Joseph Department of Public Safety received a report a suspect, using the name of Michael Sinclair, contacted a resident claiming to be an employee of the IRS. The suspect advised the resident they owed money to the IRS and requested he go to the bank and withdraw a large sum and wire it to several different out of State locations to several different people.

The St. Joseph Department of Public Safety wants to remind the public the IRS does not conduct business in this way. The IRS will not request money over the phone or via the internet. Additionally, they will never request money to be sent to them via Western Union or by money cards.

Never give any personal information over the phone. If you are contacted by phone by a person who identifies themselves as an employee of the IRS, get as much information as you can, including name and contact information, and advise them you will contact them back.

Once you're able, contact your local law enforcement agency and report the incident.