

# Urgent News Release #7

## Richland County Emergency Management

**Darin Gudgeon, Director**

**(608) 647-8187**

**[darin.gudgeon@co.richland.wi.us](mailto:darin.gudgeon@co.richland.wi.us)**

**Rose Kohout, Health Officer**

**(608) 649-5965**

**[rose.kohout@co.richland.wi.us](mailto:rose.kohout@co.richland.wi.us)**

For immediate release: **March 23, 2020**

## **RICHLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT WARNS OF COVID-19 SCAMS**

*Richland Center, WI:* During these uncertain times, Sheriff James J. Bindl and his staff wish to remind area residents to be watchful for scam artists who only want to take advantage of others. Sheriff Bindl reminds area residents that any business related government agencies will not contact anyone by text to inform them about government programs, nor will they ever ask for any personal information from you over a text.

Citizens need to be vigilant every day in making sure these types of scams don't take advantage of themselves or their neighbors, but especially now when the country is in difficulty and searching for answers. If the Small Business Administration is contacting people in the area, they will first contact Richland County Emergency Operations Center and make sure the EOC is aware. To date this has not happened. We are a strong community who watches out for each other, be mindful of those out to scam others.

For more information, follow the Richland County Sheriff's Department on Facebook or consult the Richland County COVID-19 website at <https://covid.co.richland.wi.us>.

-End-