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## Press Release

The Pound Ridge Police Department is warning people about scams related to Green Dot [MoneyPak](#) cards after several complaints involving Green Dot MoneyPak cards were received by the Pound Ridge Police and surrounding jurisdictions.

*MoneyPak cards are one-time use cards that can be purchased from various retailers with cash. The MoneyPak cards can then be legitimately used to make payments to various authorized merchants, 'reload' prepaid money cards and to add money to a PayPal account for shopping at various online merchants. More information about MoneyPak cards legitimate use can be found at <https://www.moneypak.com>.*

*The MoneyPak scams are commonly perpetrated by one of three methods:*

- **Grandchild/Relative Scam:** *A victim is contacted by a suspect purporting to be a grandchild or relative who has been arrested or in distress and in need of money. The suspect will then direct the victim to purchase various Green Dot MoneyPak cards to pay for bail, legal or medical services in order to keep their loved one out of trouble or jail.*
- **Utility Company Scam:** *A victim is contacted by a suspect who states that they work at a utility company and are collecting money that is past due. The suspect informs the victim that they can avoid having their utility service disconnected if they immediately pay the past due amount using a Green Dot MoneyPak card that can be purchased at a local store.*
- **Internal Revenue Service Scam:** *The victim is contacted by a suspect and is told that they owe back taxes, fees or fines to the IRS, and that if they do not make an immediate payment using a Green Dot MoneyPak card they will be arrested or deported.*

*In each of these scams the victim purchases a Green Dot card at a local store and proceeds to call back and/or are re-contacted by the suspect. The victim is instructed to scratch off and read the MoneyPak Number on the back of the card to the perpetrator, which gives the perpetrator access to the money. Also, in several instances suspects have used phone number "spoofing" when contacting victims so a caller ID will appear to be a legitimate company or government entity. If you have any question please contact the Pound Ridge Police Department at (914)764-4206.*

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**For other information on the IRS and Identity Theft please  
click on the below link:**

<http://www.irs.gov/uau/Taxpayer-Guide-to-Identity-Theft>