



## **Clerk** COMMUNICATION

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RE: **Non-sufficient funds (NSF) Scam Reported In Sarasota County**

SARASOTA, FL— The Clerk of the Circuit Court and County Comptroller warns the community of a new phone scam: **Citizens are being called and informed that non-sufficient funds, or a bad check, must be addressed in order to stop a formal investigation.** The caller presents themselves as a Clerk of Court employee.

Please note that **Clerk of Court employees do not initiate phone calls for making payment by phone, and do not request personal financial information.**

Protecting yourself against telephone-based scams is simple: **Just hang up.**

**Call the Clerk of the Circuit Court and County Comptroller's Office at (941) 861-7696 to determine whether the caller's claims are legitimate.** Unless you have initiated the call, never give out your personal information over the telephone.

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