Green Dot Card Scam.

The Scam.
People are losing thousands of dollars in a phone scam involving Green Dot MoneyPak cards. After receiving a call from someone who claims to be collecting a debt from either a Utility Company, the IRS or as settlement for an auto accident; people are being threatened with the loss of their heat, electric, possible deportation or criminal prosecution. Three typical scenarios:

IRS Scam A caller informs the victim that they owe back taxes to the IRS and must make immediate payment with a Green Dot Money-Pak.

Accident Scam The victim’s family member had a car accident and the caller threatens physical violence unless immediate reimbursement is made with a Green Dot Money-Pak.

Utility Scam Utility companies demand immediate payment by Green Dot Money-Pak or your electricity or gas will be turned off.

What Can I Do?

Caution
Be suspicious of callers who demand immediate payment for any reason.

Information
Never give out personal or financial information to anyone who emails or calls you unsolicited.

Know Them
Never wire money, provide debit or credit card numbers or Green Dot Money-Pak card numbers to someone you do not know.

Know This
Utility companies and government agencies will not contact you demanding immediate payment by Money-Pak.

Remember
Remember that anyone who has the number on a Green Dot Money-Pak card has access to the funds on the card.

Report It.
If you cannot verify the I.D., feel unsafe, or suspect criminal activity, call 911 immediately.