

This is not just occurring in Montezuma County but all over the Country.

Recently a deputy was asked to contact a bonding agent regarding an extortion scam. The deputy met with the bonding agent at the Montezuma County Detention Center. During their conversation she told the deputy she had received a phone call from one of her bonded clients. The bonded client wanted to know how he was going to get some money back he'd recently paid to prevent his bond from being revoked. The bonding agent said she was not aware of what her client was talking about. Her client said he received a call from her phone number and he assumed it was her on the phone. Her client said the female subject on the phone told him to speak with her boyfriend and then turned the phone over to a male subject. The male subject told him that he had to pay \$1500.00 to their bonding agency, or they would revoke his bond. Her client told her he sent \$1500.00 to the location specified by the male. The male also told him he would be able to get the money back the following Monday. Her client then contacted her to find out how he would get his money back, she told him she was not aware of the situation and she was not involved.

The bonding agent said she also received phone calls from three additional clients she had also bonded from jail within the last week. Each client called her this evening saying they'd received a phone call from her phone saying they had to pay a specified amount of money or their bond would be revoked. The bonding agent said they all told her that the person speaking to them on the phone possessed detailed information on their criminal charges and their bond. She does not know of anyone who would have access to any of the paperwork she has on her clients and she keeps the paperwork secure in her office. The bonding agent also said she has checked her office and all of her client's paperwork was still there and did not appear to have been gone through.