



# ASHE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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## Potential Cell Phone Tower Scam

Jefferson, N.C. - Sheriff B. Phil Howell would like to ask all Ashe County citizens for their help and cooperation with a recent potential scam.

The Ashe County Sheriff's Office has been looking into a potential scam dealing with cell towers in and around Ashe County. If you have been a victim of this potential scam by sending money for a deed search, placement of a cell tower, or consultant fee, we need you to come forward.

Before you come to the Ashe County Sheriff's Office, you will need to compile the following:

1. Any contract or signed documentation.
2. Any bank statement or online money transactions paid (*example: Venmo/Paypal*)
3. Any and all locations of properties in question (parcels or address) (you can find your parcel id by visiting <https://gis.ashecountygov.com/maps/>)
4. Any communication asking for or promises of money.
5. Any important communication between parties about personal property.
6. Contact information for any other persons who are known to have sent money.
7. Complete the forms located for download at <https://bit.ly/actower> or by picking them up from the Ashe County Sheriff's Office.

We understand that a lot of communication was sent in mass email. Most of these will be reoccurring. Please only bring in communication that is pertinent for you and for your personal property.

We also understand there are many potential victims, so organization is critical. Please organize your file in the above order to help. Thank you for your cooperation.

To report, we ask that you collect EVERYTHING that is requested on the forms located at <https://bit.ly/actower> and bring them to the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Ashe County Sheriff's Office.



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Please complete the entire form before bringing all your documentation to the Sheriff's Office.

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Best Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Money Paid: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Number Properties: \_\_\_\_\_

Please print the names of those who have contacted you and phone numbers if you have them (these would be the people that informed you of the idea):

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\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Location Information** – You can find parcel id at <https://gis.ashecountygov.com/maps/>

| Address or Parcel Number | Money Spent on Each Parcel | Money Received on Each Parcel |
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### Potential Cell Phone Tower Scam (cont. page 2 of 2)

| Included Documents           | Yes | No |
|------------------------------|-----|----|
|                              |     |    |
| Contract                     |     |    |
| Email Communication          |     |    |
| Bank Transactions            |     |    |
| Online Money Transfers       |     |    |
| <i>Example: Venmo/Paypal</i> |     |    |
|                              |     |    |

If you know of others that have sent money, please place their information below:

| Name | Contact Info |
|------|--------------|
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Your Name (Printed): \_\_\_\_\_

You're Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_