



San Diego County SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

NEWS RELEASE INFORMATION SHEET

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SYNOPSIS:

The San Diego Sheriff's Department, Poway Detective Unit, are investigating several recent scam calls and incidents within the City of Poway and surrounding areas. These incidents involve unknown persons representing themselves as members of the Sheriff's Department, and claiming the person they have called has a warrant for their arrest, or somehow otherwise owes money to either the County of San Diego or the Sheriff's Department.

These scammers and impersonators sometimes provide the victims with genuine Sheriff's Department phone numbers, and in the past they have actually used the names of real department employees. They may sometimes even want to arrange a meeting in the parking lot of a government building or station, in an effort to appear legitimate.

Members of the public are reminded neither the San Diego Sheriff's Department, the County of San Diego, or any of its employees or representatives, will never contact persons via the telephone and then solicit payment of fines, fees, or monies in lieu of an arrest or other warrant. Nor would any employees ever try to arrange a meeting to allow the "payment" to be made.

If you receive a call from a person or persons claiming to be a Sheriff's Department employee, and that person is trying to solicit a payment of some sort, please hang up the phone immediately.

Report scam calls to the Federal Trade Commission at FTC.GOV. If you believe a crime has been committed or you suffer a financial or information loss as a result of the scam call, and you live within Sheriff's jurisdiction, call the Sheriff's Communication Center at 858 565 5200. Otherwise, call the Law Enforcement agency with responsibility for your community.

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