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Cell Phone Vishing Scams on the Rise

**(Woodland, CA) –December 14, 2009** District Attorney Jeff Reisig announced today that a rash of cell phone text messages claiming to be from your bank or credit card provider are making the rounds in Yolo County. This type of scam is known as “Vishing” and involves crooks sending out thousands of emails to cell phones that may appear to be from your bank, credit union or credit card provider. The messages usually say that there is some type of problem with your account, credit or debit card and asks you to call the number provided to “verify” or “reactivate” your account. Be aware that caller ID can be manipulated and the number or name showing on your phone may not be legitimate.

Recently, an 80 year old Knights Landing resident reported she received four Vishing text messages on her cell phone in one day. The text messages urged her to contact her bank immediately and provided a phone number she could call back. Fortunately she recognized this as a possible scam, but just to make sure she called her own bank using a number she knows is correct and verified that her account had no problems.

Yolo County District Attorney Jeff Reisig advises consumers to “never release your personal identifying information like bank and credit card account numbers, Social Security numbers or secret passwords in response to an unsolicited request of any kind. Be very cautious. Should you get a suspicious text message, call your bank to verify that it’s not a scam.”

If you would like more information about this or other types of scams targeting older adults please contact the District Attorney’s Office at (530) 666-8416.

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