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Fraud Alert - More Fake Internal Revenue Service Telephone Calls!

(Woodland, CA) - April 4, 2014 - It's Tax Time and the Yolo County District Attorney is warning citizens to be alert for fraudulent telephone calls from a caller claiming to be from the Internal Revenue Service. The latest call reported by a local citizen is supposedly from "Sebastian Das" in the Tax Audit Department who threatens that you may be arrested if you do not return the call concerning your tax evasion.

As with so many of these scams, con artists often try to catch people off guard or scare them so they will call back and provide personal information like a Social Security or Credit Card number before realizing its a scam.

District Attorney Enforcement Officer Dave Edwards says you cannot be too careful. "If you receive an unexpected call like this, never provide any personal information and please ask a trusted friend or advisor for assistance verifying the request," said Edwards. "There really isn't anything that can't wait while you check it out."

If you receive a phone call from the IRS but you suspect it may a scam ask for a call back and employee's identification number. You can then contact the IRS at the local Office in Sacramento to determine if it is legitimate at (916) 974-5225. For more information about this and many other types of scams to be aware of please call Enforcement Officer Dave Edwards at the District Attorney (530) 666-8416.

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