

FRAUD ALERT!

AREA CODE 809 FRAUD SCAM

The Yolo County District Attorney Elder Protection and Consumer Fraud Units wish to alert citizens about scams involving very expensive international phone calls to area codes 809, 284 and 876.

There are different variations of this scam but generally a victim receives an important sounding message requesting a return phone call because "*a family member is in trouble*" or "*you need to collect a prize*" or "*someone (known to you) has been arrested*".

When the victim returns the call it is to the Bahamas or Dominican Republic. Victims are not warned of the charges and often are not aware of where the call is being made to nor do they have an opportunity to hang up prior to being billed. Some consumers report being charged in excess of \$20,000 on their telephone bill.

The District Attorney's Office wants to remind you to be wary of messages asking you to call an 809, 284 or 876 area code number. We recommend that citizens contact the Yolo County District Attorney's Office if you receive a non-specific call from an area code unfamiliar to you or your immediate family members.

Please let us know if you have had a call like this. Call or e-mail; heidi.dagostino@yolocounty.org



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