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PRESS RELEASE

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Gas Station Scams

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Yolo County District Attorney Jeff Reisig reminds citizens to be aware of scams related to the escalating cost of gasoline. With rising fuel costs the value and frequency of these rip-offs have increased.

Recently, at a West Sacramento gas station a citizen was approached by a young woman holding an empty gas can claiming her car had run out of gas and that she and her family were stranded. After the good Samaritan filled the gas can, the scammer walked back to her car and grabbed another gas can with the hopes of tricking another unsuspecting person.

Also be aware of:

Someone offering to help hang up the pump nozzle after you are finished and instead filling their car when you drive away; and

Devices placed over ATM card readers at the pump kiosk called "skimmers" which are designed to steal your Debit card information

Remember to always be careful when someone approaches you at the gas station and to make sure the pump is completely turned off before you drive away. For more information contact Dave Edwards, Yolo County District Attorney Elder Protection Unit at (530) 666-8416.