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Fraud Alert: Beware of phony Social Security Administration phone calls

(Woodland, CA) June 14, 2019 - Yolo County District Attorney Jeff Reisig is warning residents to be aware of a growing fraudulent telephone scam from people posing as the Social Security Administration, notifying you that they have suspended your social security card number due to suspicious activity. In some cases they ask you to "press one" so that they can provide you with additional information about "this case." If you press one, you will be linked directly to a con artist who will try to scare you into providing personal information like a Social Security or Credit Card number.

The important things to remember are as follows:

- Your Social Security number is not about to be suspended. You don't have to verify your number to anyone who calls out of the blue. And your bank accounts are not about to be seized.
- SSA will never call to threaten your benefits or tell you to wire money, send cash, or put money on gift cards. Anyone who tells you to do those things is a scammer. Every time.
- SSA's official telephone number is 1-800-772-1213, but scammers are putting that number in the caller ID by way of a spoofing device. If you're worried about what the caller says, hang up and call 1-800-772-1213 to speak to the real SSA. Even if the wait time is long, confirm with the real SSA before responding to one of these calls.
- Never give any part of your Social Security number, bank information, or credit card information to anyone who contacts you.

According to District Attorney Reisig, "The complexity and frequency of these types of scams has been increasing dramatically over the last several months. Nobody is immune from being targeted by these persistent crooks. The best defense against becoming a victim of scams such as this is knowledge and vigilance."

If you receive a suspicious phone call please contact the Yolo County District Attorney's Fraud Hotline at 855-4-YOLO-DA or your local law enforcement agency in the case of an emergency. Reports of suspected fraud can also be made online at www.yoloda.org/fraud.htm or by email to Fraud@yoloda.org.

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