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# BURBANK POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## COMMUNITY BULLETIN

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The Burbank Police Department and other law enforcement agencies throughout the region have received reports of persons impersonating police officers, court officials, and other government entities, for the purpose of fraud. These scams often target elderly residents by telephone, and involve the perpetrator claiming that the subject owes back taxes, fines, or has outstanding arrest warrants, which can be resolved by mailing/wiring funds.

The Burbank Police Department would like to remind all residents to exercise caution when encountering calls or contacts of this nature:

- Please verify that you are dealing with a legitimate organization and individual. Obtain identifying and contact information, and verify it independently.
- Be wary of anyone representing they are from a government agency who is soliciting you for personal information or payment by telephone or online, especially if you have not previously corresponded with them by phone or email. Legitimate government agencies will conduct most transactions by mail.
- Also, be wary of anyone representing they are from a government agency who threatens you with arrest unless you pay a previously unknown bill (taxes, utilities, traffic fines, etc.), demands immediate payment, or requests payment specifically in the form of cash, wired money orders, or pre-paid cash cards. Verify information independently before taking any action.

Please share this information with elderly family members and friends. Report suspicious calls and contacts of this nature to the police.

QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS STATEMENT MAY BE DIRECTED TO  
SERGEANT ADAM CORNILS, @ 818-238-3240 / ACORNILS@BURBANKCA.GOV

24-Hour: 818-238-3000

PRESS INFORMATION OFFICE: 818-238-3240

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