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## COMMUNITY BULLETIN

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On April 7, the FBI released a Public Service Announcement regarding criminals hosting fraudulent government service websites, for the purpose of collecting fraudulent fees and personal identifying information. The PSA may be viewed at the following website: <http://www.ic3.gov/media/2015/150407-2.aspx>

The Burbank Police Department would like to remind all residents to exercise caution when sharing personal identifying or financial information during online transactions:

- Please verify that you are dealing with a legitimate organization. Any government agency's website should be in the ".gov" domain, not ".com"
- 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 wired money orders or pre-paid cash cards.

Residents should periodically check their credit reports, looking for unknown accounts, loans, or debts. Victims of identity theft and fraud should report this to the Burbank Police Department. If you suspect you are the victim of an Internet-related crime, you may file a complaint with the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center at <http://www.IC3.gov>.

QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS STATEMENT MAY BE DIRECTED TO  
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