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NEWS RELEASE

STAY ALERT FOR SCAM PHONE CALLS

Date: Thursday, January 10, 2019
Location: Various

EL PASO, Texas – The El Paso Police Department would like to urge El Pasoans to stay alert for Scam Phone Calls. With Tax Season upon us, historically the El Paso Police Department has seen an increase in Scam Phone Calls. Scam Phone Calls usually always have a few things in common: The Caller initiates the contact and the demand of money is a part of the scenario. Scam Phone Callers will usually provide directions on how you can send your money, either in cash, prepaid debit card, gift card, or wire transfer. During this time of the year Scam Phone Calls can involve the caller identifying themselves as an Agent for the IRS. The IRS, according to their web site initiates most contacts through regular mail delivered by the United States Postal Service. They do not demand immediate payment, demand you pay taxes without the opportunity to question or appeal the amount they say you owe, or threaten to bring local police, immigration officers or other law-enforcement to have you arrested for not paying. Never provide personal information, date of birth, social security number, credit card or bank account numbers to phone callers or individuals who knock at your front door. Individuals caring for the elderly should make sure that they know not to give out personal information.

Please visit <https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/tax-scams-consumer-alerts> for information on Tax Scams / Consumer Alerts.

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