

# NEWS RELEASE



## City of Chino Hills Police Department



**Date/Time Occurred:** Thursday, May 21, 2015

**Crime or Incident:** Telephone Scam Public Service Announcement

**Location:** City of Chino Hills

**Suspects:** Unknown

### SUMMARY:

On May, 21, 2015 a concerned citizen contacted the Chino Hills police department in regard to an alarming phone call the resident received by somebody claiming to be an agent from the Internal Revenue Service.

In this particular case, the suspect called the potential victim and claimed the victim had unpaid taxes and tried to arrange immediate payment over the phone. These scams have become increasingly popular among international, and some domestic, criminal organizations.

Typical scams include claims of being IRS, Immigration Officials or law enforcement agencies. The suspects call a potential victim and informs them they have unpaid taxes, fees or even a warrant for their arrest as a result of some alleged delinquency. They threaten the victim, saying if payment arrangements are not made immediately they will be arrested. Typically, another suspect joins the conversation as an alleged supervisor. The "supervisor" explains the process of how to handle the unpaid tax bill, warrant or other fraudulent delinquency claim. The victims are told they must provide banking information, routing numbers off of checks, Green Dot cards, wire transfers or money orders in order to avoid immediate arrest.

Legitimate government or bill collecting agencies will not use the above mentioned tactics to collect on delinquent accounts. Members of law enforcement agencies do not accept payment for outstanding warrants and do not enforce delinquencies for other government agencies, such as the IRS. We would like to remind the residents of Chino Hills to refrain from providing personal information over the telephone.

If you have any concerns or question please contact us at the number listed below.

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**Sgt. R. Lewis**

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