



COMMUNITY ALERT



Notification

LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT

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THE NORTH HOLLYWOOD AREA CRIME & COMMUNITY INTELLIGENCE CENTER

NORTH HOLLYWOOD THEFT DETECTIVES ARE REQUESTING THE PUBLIC'S AWARENESS IN THIS CRIME.

LAPD IS EXPERIENCING AN INCREASE OF SCAMS TARGETING SENIOR CITIZENS IN THE NORTH HOLLYWOOD AREA.

MO: SUSPECTS SEND FAKE POP-UP WARNINGS ON ELECTRONIC DEVICES. VICTIM BELIEVES THEY HAVE BEEN HACKED AND SUSPECTS CONTACT VICTIM STATING THEY ARE FTC AGENTS / SOCIAL SECURITY, WHO WILL SECURE BANK ACCOUNTS FROM COMPROMISED ACCOUNTS. VICTIMS MEET WITH THE SCAMMERS AT VICTIM'S RESIDENCE AND SUSPECTS FLEE WITH LARGE SUMS OF VICTIM'S MONEY.

PREVENTION TIPS TO AVOID BEING

A VICTIM OF SCAMMERS



Anatomy of an Imposter Scam

Scammers tell you to move your money to "protect it." Don't do it.

It's a scam.

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION



1. NEVER CALL A NUMBER FROM A POP-UP WARNING-THOSE ARE ALWAYS SCAMS.
2. NEVER ALLOW REMOTE ACCESS TO YOUR COMPUTER OR DEVICE.
3. NEVER MOVE YOUR MONEY TO "PROTECT" IT OR FOR "SAFE-KEEPING" -ONLY SCAMMERS SAY THAT.
4. NEVER CONVERT MONEY TO GOLD BARS-SCAMMERS WILL REQUEST COVERTING FUNDS.
5. NEVER SHARE VERIFICATION CODES-SCAMMERS USE THEM TO ACCESS YOUR ACCOUNTS.
6. CONTACT YOUR BANK OR BROKER DIRECTLY USING A TRUSTED NUMBER IF ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT ACCOUNTS BEING HACKED.

**IF YOU HAVE INFORMATION ABOUT THIS CRIME
PLEASE CONTACT DETECTIVE KIRKPATRICK #32185
NORTH HOLLYWOOD BURGLARY DETECTIVES AT 818-754-8377
AFTER HOURS, PLEASE CALL 818-754-8301 OR 877-LAPD-247**

IF YOU WISH TO REMAIN ANONYMOUS, YOU MAY

CALL: 800-222-TIPS (800-222-8477) — 24 HOURS A DAY, 7 DAYS A WEEK
TEXT: CRIMES (274637) AND BEGIN THE MESSAGE WITH THE LETTERS "LAPD"
ONLINE: GO TO WWW.LAPDONLINE.ORG, CLICK "GET INVOLVED", CLICK "REPORT A CRIME" AND THEN CLICK "ANONYMOUS WEB TIPS".