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PRESS RELEASE

Releasing Officer: Chief John Naulty
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Crime or Incident: Scam Telephone Calls

CIRCUMSTANCES:

The Fort Bragg Police Department has been receiving telephone calls from residents stating they are receiving telephone calls advising the recipient is a prizewinner, threatening them with arrest or a utility cut off. The caller tells the recipient they need to go to a store, buy a prepaid card with a specific amount of money, and then call back with the card number. Once the caller is in possession of the card number, the money is gone, and there is no way to trace it.

We would like to remind the community that you should never release any personal information over the telephone if you did not initiate the call. If the caller requests a prepaid card, this is a good indicator that the call is a scam. The Social Security office nor the I.R.S. conduct business over the telephone.

For further information, please refer to the Federal Trade Consumer Information website at www.consumer.ftc.gov and click on the Scam Alerts link. This site will provide you with detailed information on these types of scams.

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