



## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **FRAUD/IDENTITY THEFT SCAM USING IRS NAME**

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On June 1, 2010 the Lakeport Police Department received information that a local citizen was the victim of a recent scam attempt where the suspect identified himself as an employee of the Internal Revenue Service. In this case the suspect attempted to fraudulently obtain \$10,000.00 from the victim by calling their home telephone and demanding that they write a check to the IRS.

This telephone scam, using the IRS name, is similar to other mail, email or telephone scams where the suspects attempt to trick people into giving up personal information or bank account numbers.

We are reminding the public to avoid giving out any personal information and be alert for fraudulent telephone calls or other scams.

Information on past scams using the IRS name can be located on the IRS website, [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) a link to the IRS web page providing detailed information and public information releases related to fraud and identity theft scams can be found at: <http://www.irs.gov/newsroom/article/0,,id=155682,00.html>

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