



NEWS RELEASE

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TELEPHONE SCAM

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During the past week the Lakeport Police Department was contacted by local citizens who reported two different types of telephone scams.

In the first incident the caller identified himself as being from the Lakeport Police Department and stated that he was collecting money for the Police Activities League (PAL) which would be used for children's programs. The caller requested that the citizen make out a donation check and leave it on their doorstep to be picked up later. Although there is a legitimate California Police Activities League (CA PAL), they do not attempt to raise money as described above. Additionally, the Lakeport Police Department is not involved in any type of telephone fundraising.

In the second incident the caller told the victim that the bank had accidentally given the caller some of their money. The caller requested that the victim provide them with their bank account number so they could return the money.

Based on the information received, the Lakeport Police Department believes that both of these calls were fraudulent. Additionally, police suspect that the first caller may be local. Had the suspects been able obtain checks or account numbers they could then possibly steal the victims identity or money from their accounts.

The Lakeport Police Department requests that citizens report these types of calls to law enforcement.

**Kevin Burke
Chief of Police**