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New Mexico Taxation and Revenue Department Warns New Mexicans About Phone Scammers Posing as Tax Agents

SANTA FE, N.M. – The New Mexico Taxation and Revenue Department (TRD) is warning New Mexicans about fraudulent phone calls demanding delinquent tax payments.

The Taxation and Revenue Department has received reports of aggressive and threatening phone calls made by criminals impersonating Taxation and Revenue Employees or Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Agents. These imposters demand immediate payment of delinquent taxes and threaten taxpayers with arrest if they do not comply. They may also threaten to cancel your driver's license. The fraudulent phone calls have reportedly appeared on caller ID as the phone number for the Taxation and Revenue Department. However, legitimate phone calls from the Taxation and Revenue Department are scrambled and the call-back number will not appear on caller ID.

"If someone calls unexpectedly claiming to be from the IRS or the Taxation and Revenue Department, with aggressive threats if you don't pay immediately, it's a scam," said Taxation and Revenue Cabinet Secretary Demesia Padilla. "If you are contacted by these fraudsters, please report it."

TRD will never:

- Call about taxes owed without first having mailed you a bill.
- Demand that you pay taxes without giving you the opportunity to question or appeal the amount they say you owe.
- Threaten to have you arrested for not paying.
- Threaten to cancel your driver's license.

If you receive a phone call from an individual claiming to be a representative of the Internal Revenue Service or the Taxation and Revenue Department and the individual makes unreasonable or suspicious requests upon you, please call the call the 24 hour Tax Fraud Hotline at 1-866-457-6789 or your local Taxation and Revenue office. For additional contact information please visit www.tax.newmexico.gov/contact-us.

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