



City of Paso Robles

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**City of Paso Robles
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Police Warn of Ongoing Imposter Scam

Paso Robles, CA – The Paso Robles Police Department is alerting residents to an ongoing imposter scam in which con artists are using technology to spoof the department’s phone number to deceive victims into sending payments.

In this scam, fraudsters pose as police officers and call victims on the telephone, falsely claiming that payment is required to avoid arrest for various claims, such as missing jury duty. The scammers often demand payment in the form of gift cards. To appear more convincing, these crooks use technology that masks their true phone number, causing caller ID to display “Paso Robles Police Department.” Additionally, scammers may use actual badge numbers or the names of real officers to sound more credible.

These calls are not from the Paso Robles Police Department and are entirely fraudulent. The department will never call individuals with threats of arrest or demands for payment of any kind.

Residents are reminded never to share personal information over the phone. If you receive a suspicious call from someone claiming to be a police officer, and it doesn't seem right, please contact us directly at 805-237-6464 to verify the legitimacy of the call.

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