



UCI Police Department



**Community Advisory: Scams**

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**Details:**

Over the past week, UCIPD received several reports that the UCI community is being heavily targeted by telephonic scammers. Many of these scams involve: Employment (i.e. victim receives a check with the request to cash it and return portion of the money to the caller), Banking (i.e. asking for account information), Warrant for arrest (i.e. tied to ones social security card or credit card fraud) and Family member(s) in trouble (i.e. kidnaping and pay a ransom).

In each of these scams, the scam artist is asking the UCI affiliate to deposit money and/or purchase gift cards.

**Be Cautious If:**

- The caller wants you to transfer money from one account to another.
- Asks for copies of personal documents.
- Says you must send payment by wire service or courier.
- Asks you to provide your credit card or bank account numbers.

Should you experience a similar call to those described above, hang up and contact UCIPD at 949-824-5223.

**Sincerely,  
Elizabeth Griffin  
Police Chief**

What is this Community Advisory? Community Advisories are released when certain events that warrant an advisory are reported on or near UCI property, as deemed necessary by the UCI Police Department. These advisories are intended to raise awareness about safety-and security-related incidents among the UCI community.