



Warning Regarding Scam

Up to \$1,000 Reward Offered

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San Diego County Crime Stoppers is joining forces with the San Diego Police Department's Central Division detectives to help identify and apprehend the suspect(s) responsible for a phone scam which has yielded three victims in San Diego thus far.

Investigators say a male has called at least three local businesses saying that he is a law enforcement officer. He asks to speak to a manager and says that one of the employees of the business has been arrested for DUI and needs money to be wired to a specific location/person in order to facilitate the employee's release. The caller claims that the employee asked that the call be made and asks that the matter be kept confidential.

Investigators believe there may be additional victims of this scam who have not yet come forward.

SDPD stresses that no one in law enforcement will call and ask for bail money to be wired. In addition, if anyone receives a call like this, they should not under any circumstances follow any instructions to wire money to an unknown individual.

Detectives are asking anyone with information on the identity of this suspect or anyone who may have been a victim to call the **Crime Stoppers anonymous tip line at (888) 580-8477**. Crime Stoppers is offering up to a \$1,000 reward to anyone with information that leads to an arrest. Anonymous email and text messages can be sent in via www.sdcrimestoppers.com.

Media inquiries should be directed to Mónica Muñoz at (619) 531-2675. Questions about Crime Stoppers should be directed to Officer Jim Johnson at (619) 531-1500 or Deputy Adriana Uribe at (619) 531-1547.

For information leading to an arrest, you could receive up to a \$1,000 reward and remain anonymous. The qualification of any person(s) for the reward and the amount of the reward for any person(s) so qualifying will be determined by San Diego County Crime Stoppers, Inc. in its sole discretion. The amount of all rewards given shall not exceed \$1,000. Information must be received on the tip line, (888) 580-8477.

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