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San Francisco Police have received information that scammers are contacting residents claiming they have outstanding warrants or have committed crimes such as prostitution and must pay a fine. These scammers sometimes use technology known as “caller ID spoofing” to display the SFPD non-emergency phone number or other official looking phone numbers on the victim’s caller ID.

San Francisco Police urge all members of the community to be suspicious of strangers calling for money to pay outstanding warrants or fines as this is not the correct procedure. Anyone who receives such a call should hang up immediately. Do not engage the caller in conversation and never give out personal information.

Anyone who has received such a call and provided either personal identification information (such Social Security or driver’s license numbers) or given payment by any means, should file a police report in the jurisdiction of their residence.

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