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TORRANCE POLICE DEPARTMENT CRIME ANALYSIS

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◀ **PHONE SCAM ADVISORY** ▶

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STOP!!!

DETAILS: Torrance residents are being contacted via cellular and landline telephones by suspects claiming to be collecting various unpaid government fees (see below). The suspects are extremely convincing and instill in the victims the fear of being arrested within hours if they don't follow very specific directives for immediately making good on overdue balances by purchasing prepaid cards (**GREENDOT MONEYPAK, ITUNES CARDS, MONEYGRAM** and **RELOADIT, etc**) at grocery and drug stores.



TELEPHONE SCAMS INCLUDE:



- Bail and attorney's fees for a family member who has been arrested
- Unpaid taxes owed the IRS
- Fees or taxes due for winning a lottery or sweepstakes
- Problems with work visa or immigration



If you are in the process of purchasing a prepaid card to pay for any of the above-listed fees,

STOP!!!, HANG UP YOUR PHONE!!! CALL THE TORRANCE POLICE DEPARTMENT IMMEDIATELY AT 310.328.3456