



SHERIFF'S OFFICE

A TRADITION OF SERVICE SINCE 1856

TO: Woodside and Portola Valley Residents
FROM: Captain Christina Corpus
DATE: June 26, 2019
SUBJECT: Jury Scam

In various parts of San Mateo County, citizens are being targeted by phone calls and emails, threatening them with prosecution for failing to comply with civil subpoenas for court appearances. The suspects are identifying themselves as a San Mateo County Sheriff's Office Sergeant and San Mateo County Sheriff's Office Lieutenant.

In the calls and emails, recipients are pressured to provide confidential data, potentially leading to identity theft and fraud. The recipients are told to send the suspects "bond" money using pre-paid cards such as "Money Pak." These calls and emails, which threaten recipients with fines and jail time if they do not comply, are fraudulent and are not connected with the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office.

The San Mateo County Sheriff's Office does not require anyone to provide any sensitive information in a telephone call or email. The San Mateo County Sheriff's Office will never ask citizens to pay a bond using pre-paid cards or over the phone.

Please refrain from providing anyone with your personal information over the telephone.

Please report these incidents to the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office at 650-363-4911.