

Phone scammers targeting El Dorado County residents

The El Dorado County Sheriff's Office is investigating a new variation of phone scam that impersonates law enforcement.

In this recent case, the caller portrayed himself as an FBI agent who claimed he has discovered you won a prize that was never awarded to you. The scammer then asks for money to be sent to him. To try to convince you to send the money, the scammer will fake a phone call from local law enforcement.

In this case the scammer had a second scammer pretend to be Sheriff John D'Agostini. These scammers can be particularly convincing because they can make the number they called from appear on your caller ID to be any number including that of the FBI.

It is important to remember that law enforcement will never call anyone asking for money, ever. Before giving any financial or personal information you should be positive the people receiving the information are who they say they are.