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New Mexico Taxation and Revenue Department Warns NMSU Students About Phone Scammers Posing as IRS Agents

LAS CRUCES, NM – The Taxation and Revenue Department (TRD) is warning New Mexico State University students about fraudulent phone calls demanding delinquent tax payments.

The Taxation and Revenue Department has received reports of aggressive and threatening phone calls to New Mexico State students made by criminals impersonating Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Agents. These imposters demand immediate payment of delinquent taxes and threaten taxpayers with arrest if they do not comply. The fraudulent phone calls have appeared on caller ID as the phone number for the Taxation and Revenue Department, Las Cruces office. However, legitimate phone calls from the Taxation and Revenue Department are scrambled and the call-back number will not appear on caller ID.

"If someone calls unexpectedly claiming to be from the IRS, with aggressive threats if you don't pay immediately, it's a scam," said Taxation and Revenue Cabinet Secretary Demesia Padilla. "If you are contacted by these fraudsters, please report it."

TRD will never:

- Call about taxes owed without first having mailed you a bill.
- Demand that you pay taxes without giving you the opportunity to question or appeal the amount they say you owe.
- Threaten to have you arrested for not paying.

If you receive a phone call from an individual claiming to be a representative of the Internal Revenue Service or the Taxation and Revenue Department and the individual makes unreasonable or suspicious requests upon you, please call the call the 24 hour Tax Fraud Hotline at 1-866-457-6789 or your local Taxation and Revenue office. For additional contact information please visit www.tax.newmexico.gov/contact-us.aspx.

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