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FRAUD ADVISORY

The Tohono O'odham Nation Police Department, Financial Crimes Division would like to warn Nation members of a financial scam that is currently circulating on the Tohono O'odham Nation.

Members may receive a call where the caller (scammer) identifies themselves as Law Enforcement and tells the victim their Social Security Number is needed to assist in clearing suspicious activity associated with the victims' name. The scammer will tell the victim their name has been discovered in a vehicle involved in a crime, or the scammer will say the victims' vehicle has been involved in crime in another state.

In this case, the scammer will ask the victim to provide their Social Security Number and bank account information to close the investigation.

If you should receive a call like this know that it is an attempt to obtain your Social Security Number and banking information, and is a fake call.

Scammers can alter their Caller ID to make it appear as though the call is coming from an official number.

The scammer will sound official to gain your trust. You should NEVER provide your Social Security Number, Credit Cards numbers or banking information to callers asking you to provide such information unless you have dealt with the person previously.

If you receive one of these calls, the Financial Crimes Division is requesting that you call the Tohono O'odham Nation Police Department or your local police department (if you reside off the Nation) and file a police report. A police report will help to establish that you are a victim of a crime; this report will be useful if you experience financial issues as a result of a scam, most businesses and financial institutions will require an official police report.

Tohono O'odham Nation Police Department Telephone: **(520) 383-3275**.

You can also report this type scam or obtain additional information online at <https://www.consumer.ftc.gov> or at <https://www.usa.gov/identity-theft> if you are a victim of identity theft.