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NEWS RELEASE

El Paso Citizens Warned of Continued Phone Scams

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EL PASO, Texas – The El Paso Police Department is again warning citizens of El Paso, TX to be aware of new phone scams. One of the latest phone scams that is being brought to the attention of Law Enforcement is a scam where the caller/scammer contacts a resident and explains that a vehicle registered in their name has been stored, but it cannot be released due to outstanding warrants. The scammer provides information to the citizen as to how to pay the warrants and then have the vehicle released to them. There are numerous variations of this scam that may involve a jailed relative or friend, a hospitalized relative or friend, or money needed to satisfy court warrants. The El Paso Police were made aware of this scam when, El Paso Citizens contacted by scammers began to verify the alluded to warrant information through El Paso Municipal Courts. Citizens found that the scammers were lying. Scammers use various scenarios but always will pressure of the citizen to send money, check, cashier's check, or provided personal information. The El Paso Police Department would like to remind citizens to:

- **Never share Social Security, credit card, checking or savings account numbers with a caller you don't know**
- **Never confirm information with someone who has called you**
- **Never pay for a "free gift:**
- **Never send cash -by mail/messenger, overnight mail, money transfer, or money order**

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