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Press Release

Fraud Alert: Scammers Claiming to Work with San Francisco Sheriff’s Office, Preying on Elderly

San Francisco, CA – The San Francisco Sheriff’s Office has received information that an individual claiming to be from the Federal Reserve and working in partnership with the “San Francisco Sheriff’s Department” is calling members of the public as part of an imposter scam.

The imposter is threatening members of the public with arrest and is providing a phone number to the San Francisco Sheriff’s Office for the victim to call to validate the information given. When the victim calls the provided number, they are transferred to the line of an accomplice crime partner who impersonates a law enforcement officer while directing the victim to provide money to avoid arrest.

The San Francisco Sheriff’s Office does not collect fees of any type over the telephone from members of the public. Those persons who receive a similar phone call are asked to contact local law enforcement by calling emergency dispatch at 1(415) 553-0123 or, in the event of an imminent threat, to dial “911.”

The San Francisco Sheriff’s Office is committed to protecting and warning members of the community from the predatory practices of tricksters and thieves who prey upon our city’s most vulnerable populations. A person’s age or immigration status should never be a deterrent from reporting suspicious activity. The men and women of the Sheriff’s Office will take every measure necessary to protect residents and hold criminals accountable.

Led by elected Sheriff Paul Miyamoto, the San Francisco Sheriff’s Office serves the people of San Francisco by administering the county jails, providing security for the Superior Court and other high-profile public buildings, and performing civil court orders. The Sheriff’s Office employs more than 850 sworn staff and almost 200 non-sworn employees.