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## Monterey Park PD: Protect Yourself From Social Security Scams

Monterey Park, Calif. - November 19, 2020 - The [Monterey Park Police Department](#) wants to warn you about telephone scammers that are pretending to be government employees. Callers say they are from [Social Security](#), and may say there is a problem with your Social Security number or threaten to arrest you unless you pay a fine or fee with cash, retail gift cards, pre-paid debit cards, or wire transfers.

Social Security will never:

- Threaten you with benefit suspension, arrest, or other legal action unless you pay a fine or fee.
- Promise a benefit increase or other assistance in exchange for payment.
- Require payment by retail gift card, cash, wire transfer, internet currency, or prepaid debit card.
- Demand secrecy from you in handling a Social Security-related problem; or
- Send official letters or reports containing personally identifiable information via email.

If you receive a call like this, hang up. Do not provide any personal information or send money.

Monterey Park PD encourages you to report Social Security scams using their dedicated online form, at <https://oig.ssa.gov>. Please share this information with your friends and family to help spread awareness about Social Security scams.



\* 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) \* [www.LACrimeStoppers.org](http://www.LACrimeStoppers.org) \*  
\* Text **TIPLA** plus your tip to 27463 (**CRIMES**) \*

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