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SCAM ALERT- ALL CLIENTS OF SSA SECURITY

**TO: ALL CLIENTS OF SSA SECURITY RESIDENTIAL
PATROL/RESPONSE**

SUBJECT: SCAM ALERT

LOCATION: LOS ANGELES/SANTA MONICA

DATE: 03-30-20

This Alert is being provided, to SSA subscribers, to keep you aware of criminal activity occurring in your area.

During this unprecedented time in our lives, several scam artists are attempting to take advantage of citizens throughout the US. It is no different in the greater Los Angeles (Santa Monica) neighborhoods. Scammers are using this time as an opportunity to find creative ways to take advantage of people and their vulnerability and the fears that a lot of consumers have at this time.

One circulating right now is the text message. This text message is asking for your banking information so that the government can direct deposit funds into your account.

Other Scams (and there are more):

- Text from Netflix, Hulu, or other streaming services stating that due to social distancing, they are offering free, premium service.
- An email claiming you are eligible for an emergency government grant.
- A call from Louisiana State Police asking if you would like them to come and visit your home or office in order to offer advice on the best security company to use.
- A call from someone stating your family member is exhibiting signs of the coronavirus and is in the hospital, but they cannot be seen until a deposit is paid.
- This is a voicemail or they may actually get to you if you answer:
 - “Hi this is _____ I'm trying to deliver your groceries but again this is the same place I went to before and there was no gate code before. I got lucky someone opened it for me but this time I can't get in. I need the gate code. You need to text to me please” and, they provide a number.

TIPS TO SPOT A COVID-19 SCAM

- **Remember:** Government agencies do not communicate through social media avenues like Facebook. Be aware of unsolicited messages.
- **Do NOT pay any money for a “free” government grant:** If you have to pay money to claim a “free” grant, it is not really free. A real government agency will not ask you to pay an advanced processing fee. The only official list of all U.S. federal grant-making agencies is Grants.gov.
- **Do your research:** See if that government agency or organization actually exists. Find their contact info and call them to make sure it is legitimate.

If it sounds too good to be true it is probably a scam.

Stay Safe

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