



Community Advisory

Community Advisory: Scams

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Details: UCIPD received four reports that student athletes are being targeted by telephonic scammers. The scam artist contacts a family member of the student athlete, impersonating themselves as law enforcement, and demands bail money.

Other scams impacting our community involve: Employment (i.e. victim receives a check with the request to cash it and return a portion of the money to the caller), Banking (i.e. asking for account information), Warrant for arrest (i.e. tied to one's social security card, passport, or credit card fraud), Family member(s) in trouble (i.e. kidnaping and pay a ransom) and Sextortion (threaten to publish nude pictures of an affiliate if they do not send money). In each of these scams, the scam artist is asking the UCI affiliate for money.

Be Cautious If:

- Caller instructs you to transfer money from one account to another.
- Asks for copies of personal documents.
- Demands you send payment by wire service or courier.
- Asks you to provide your credit card or bank account numbers.

Resources:

- The UCI CARE office provides confidential support and advocacy to students who have experienced sexual assault, relationship abuse and stalking <https://care.uci.edu> or (949) 824-7273.
- The UCI Office of Equal Opportunity and Diversity (OEOD) works to resolve complaints of discrimination, sexual harassment, and/or sex offense through informal resolution or formal investigation. www.oed.uci.edu | (949) 824-5594
- To submit a report to UCIPD. [UCI Police Department](#) | (949) 824-5223.

Sincerely,

Liz Griffin

Chief of Police

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What is this Community Advisory? Community Advisories are released when certain events that warrant an advisory are reported on or near UCI property, as deemed necessary by the UCI Police Department. These advisories are intended to raise awareness about safety-and security-related incidents among the UCI community.

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