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SUBJECT – Fraud Warning

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SYNOPSIS

The El Centro Police Department wants you to beware of individuals who contact you in person, by phone, or by email to tell you the government or government officials require you to take a COVID-19 test. These types of solicitations are likely fraudulent attempts by scammers to obtain your health insurance information, including your Medicare or Medicaid number, along with other personal information.

If you are ill, a physician or other trusted health care provider should assess your condition and approve any requests for COVID-19 testing. Some scammers are selling fake at-home test kits; some are even going door-to-door and performing fake tests for money. Legitimate tests are offered free to patients when administered by a health care professional. If you think you are a victim of COVID-19 fraud, please contact the El Centro Police Department NON-EMERGENCY line at 760-352-2111 or the National Center for Disaster Fraud Hotline at (866) 720-5721.

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