



County of San Bernardino
Department of Aging and Adult Services
(DAAS)

SCAM ALERT

Scam: Hit Man E-Mail

Target: All Consumers

E-mail is sometimes received from someone that claiming he/she has been hired to kill the person receiving the message, and may ask for money to stop the person from carrying out the murder. These e-mails:

- Use fictitious identities,
- Make threats for failure to comply with the scheme, and
- Use Government officials' information and/or the victim's personal information to make the fraud look more authentic.

In recent versions of this scam:

- The recipient is told to call a telephone number in the e-mail, and a threat that the recipient or a "loved one" is going to be kidnapped unless a ransom is paid within a specific time frame is made, or
- The e-mail fictitiously claims to be from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) in London. The e-mail indicates the recipient's information was found on a murder suspect, and that the recipient will be the next victim.

To avoid being caught in one of these scams:

- **Be alert** to unsolicited e-mails.
- **Do not open** unsolicited e-mails or click on any embedded links.
- **Do not provide** personally identifiable information.

If you think you may be a victim of a scam, contact San Bernardino County Adult Protective Services (APS) at 877-565-2020, or your local police department.