



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

SCAM ALERT

Scam: Con-Artists Posing as Social Workers Target: Seniors Receiving Social Services Benefits

Two female con-artists with fake identification badges and carrying portable copy machines appear to be targeting Spanish speaking seniors who are homebound and receiving Social Services benefits. So far, reports have been made in Los Angeles County, but San Bernardino County seniors should beware!

One victim was a 75-year old La Verne woman who had a scheduled appointment with her Social Worker on the following day. The con-artist knew the victim's appointment day and time, home address and phone number. She came to the victim's home, filled out forms and made copies of the woman's records, including her Medicare and Social Security cards.

The con began six months ago and there are currently a dozen cases under investigation.

One of the con-artists is described as:

A Hispanic female, about 25 years old

5 feet, 2 inches tall, thin build with dark hair

Has a 2-inch scar on her chest and a tattoo on her wrist with the letters - C A R

To avoid being a victim of a similar crime:

- **Call your worker** to confirm appointment dates and times.
- **Be alert** to individuals coming to your home prior to your appointment date.
- **Do not allow** individuals to make copies of your confidential information.

Providing such information may compromise your identity and expose you to identity theft.

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.