

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

#### SCAM ALERT

## Scam: Traffic Citation Court Appearance Conspiracy Target: All Seniors

Fraudulent email messages are being sent to San Bernardino County residents stating that the recipient has been scheduled to appear in the Superior Court in San Bernardino County on a traffic citation. The email states that if the recipient fails to appear at the scheduled time, the hearing may proceed and a judge may rule in the case in their absence.

#### Do Not Open the Email—This is a Scam!

### Scam Artists are sending fraudulent emails regarding Notice of Appearance for Superior Court.

The reason for this scam could be to allow the criminals to:

- \* Ensure you are out of your home at a particular time;
- \* Download malicious viruses and spyware without your consent;
- \* Convince you to send them money; or
- \* Obtain Personally Identifiable Information (PII):
  - Driver's License and/or Social Security numbers,
  - Checking, Savings or Credit Card numbers, or
  - Any information that identifies you specifically.

The Superior Court of California for the County of San Bernardino never gives notice of court hearings or other proceedings via email. If you receive such an email, **Do Not Respond!** Please contact the Court Executive Office at (909) 708-8747.

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.