



# SCAM ALERT

## Scam: California Newspaper Subscription Target: All Seniors

The Attorney General of California has issued a consumer alert regarding a recent scam involving fake newspaper subscription mailings. Seniors and other residents are being sent deceptive bills, invoices or renewal notices from a local newspaper that appears to be legitimate; however, the notice may be a scam! Scam artists are attempting to obtain your personal information and access to your bank accounts!

### Scam Artists are forging subscription bills!

If you receive a suspicious subscription notice, here are some recommendations on what to do:

- ▶ Do not pay it,
- ▶ Do not call the number listed on the suspicious bill,
- ▶ If you currently have a subscription for the newspaper listed and are concerned, call the company directly. You may look up the direct number:
  - ▶ In the newspaper itself,
  - ▶ In the telephone book, or
  - ▶ On the internet.
- ▶ Never provide companies or individuals with your personal information, including your:
  - ▶ Driver's License, Social Security or Bank Account numbers, or
  - ▶ Address, telephone numbers or any information that might identify you.

**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.**