



CHICO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Public Service Announcement

530-897-4942

TYPE OF INCIDENT: Potential for scams related to the Oroville Spillway Incident

NARRATIVE:

The Chico Police Department has received a report from a Chico resident, stating they received a call from a person offering “free government grant money” for being displaced due to the Oroville Spillway incident.

The reporting party identified the call as a scam (evasive answers and they were never evacuated) and asked that others be warned about the potential for frauds and scams preying on those dealing with the hardship and stress of displacement.

Never give your personal, banking, or identifying information over the phone. Ask the caller to send you the information through the mail so you can vet and verify the offer information on your terms. Urgency is the hallmark of a fraud, pressuring you into making a decision on the spot.

If you feel you have been the victim of a scam, please contact your local law enforcement agency, your bank, and the credit reporting companies below to place a fraud alert monitor on your credit score:

<http://www.equifax.com>

<http://www.experian.com>

<http://www.transunion.com>

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