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PRESS RELEASE

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The Latest Phone Scam-I've kidnapped your daughter

Chico, CA –

The Chico Police Department has received numerous reports recently about possible kidnappings. This is a nationwide phone scam where the suspects are calling random people from phone numbers originating in Mexico. These callers typically have a country code such as "525" preceding a long phone number. At the start of the call a female on the phone states, "Daddy, daddy." Before the victim can engage in conversation an alleged "kidnapper" (with a male voice) gets on the line and demands money. The suspect directs the victim to an area store where they can wire money to a bank account in Mexico.

Numerous people have fallen victim to this scam in the Chico area. Elderly citizens are especially at risk. We are circulating this message to inform the public of this scam. If you don't recognize a phone number, consider letting it go to voicemail.

Location:	Nationwide Scam
Date/Time:	6/19/19
Incident Case Number:	19-004452
Victim:	Numerous
Suspects:	Unknown
Supervisor:	J. Adrian 103
Watch Commander:	M. Rodden C6