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NEWS RELEASE

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Lottery Telephone Scam

August 30, 2013 – The Visalia Police Department has received recent reports that citizens within the city have received unsolicited phone calls from unknown individuals informing the citizen they have won a prize through a lottery system. The caller requests the winner to pay taxes in order to receive their cash prize. The Visalia Police Department cautions all citizens who receive unsolicited phone calls to not supply personal information or send money for prizes to be submitted at a later time.

Additionally, the Visalia Police Department has received information that persons portraying to be police officers are calling potential victims stating that this is a legitimate operation and to pay the money. Visalia Police Department personnel will never make an unsolicited call to a citizen's residence to confirm the validity of a prize system or organization. If the caller claims to be a member of the Visalia Police Department, please contact the Visalia Police Department to verify the contact was legitimate. If you have any questions please contact the Visalia Police Department at 713-4240.

