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**Police Circular** 

Safe School Network special note for university and polytechnic

## <u>Beware of Telephone Scam</u> <u>Address to tertiary students from the Mainland</u> currently studying in Macao and their parents

Cases of telephone scam, in which fraudsters disguised as staff of Macao government, Mainland China's Police, Public Prosecutions Office or the Court, continue to take place over the years. Many victims in these cases are tertiary students from China studying in Macao.

In view of the frequent occurrence of the crime, the Judiciary Police reminds students from the Mainland, who are currently studying or attending the next academic year in Macao, if they receive phone calls claiming to be a staff from the above departments and asking for their personal information, it is likely to be a telephone scam and they should be wary.



Past cases have shown victimised students were lured into asking their parents to transfer a large sum of money because of their "cashflow problems". The Judiciary Police urges parents to keep a close watch on their children while they are studying in Macao.

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Find out the reasons behind their sudden requests of a huge amount of money transfer and contact the police should you believe that your children have fallen prey to scam.

## **Preventive measures:**

- Police departments, Public Prosecutions Office or the Court of Macao or of the Mainland will never investigate a case on the phone, or ask members of the public to transfer money, if they do, it is definitely a scam;
- Fraudsters can alter caller IDs using computer software to make you believe that the calls come from government departments;
- Remember not to reveal any personal information to strangers; fraudsters can obtain victims' information via illegal means and use them to commit fraud or other crimes;
- Should anyone receive such calls, remember to discuss with your family, teachers, classmates or friends about it first and verify with the government departments concerned before taking any action;
- Get abreast of crime prevention messages and share them with your family and friends to help them stay alert;

Should you have any concerns, please call our Anti-scam hotline on 8800 7777 or our Crime Report Hotline 993.

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