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Memo

To: Pastors, Parochial Administrators, Parish Stewards, School Administrators
From: Glen Faulkner – Parish Security Coordinator
Date: July 21, 2025
Re: An old scam attempt with a new spin

Federal authorities are reporting new versions of telephone scam attempts involving callers representing themselves as investigators with the Customs and Border Protection Agency or Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

The callers appear to be taking advantage of heightened concerns in some communities about recent federal immigration detentions to follow a script used in other scam attempts; claiming the call recipient is the subject of some type of criminal investigation and then demanding the recipient make a payment or provide confidential information to avoid being arrested.

Some scammers have “spoofed” their phone number to make it appear that the call is originating from a federal agency while others use a prerecorded message that instructs the call recipient to press “1” to be connected to an “agent” who tries to access confidential information from the victim.

Federal authorities say they do not make calls requesting payments or solicit sensitive or confidential material like social security or bank account numbers over the phone and they do not take payments in crypto currency or gift cards. Authorities suggest that recipients of these calls should hang up and warn that people should not use numbers that appear on caller ID or text messages to return calls from these types of callers. Instead, recipients should locate the appropriate agency’s website for contact information.