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### Press Release

#### COVID-19 Vaccine Shot Phone Call Scam

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Lassen County Public Health has reported to the Lassen County Sheriff's Office they have received several reports that scammers are calling residents pretending to be from Public Health to schedule their COVID-19 vaccination shot. These scammers are asking residents for personal information such as social security number and insurance information.

#### THIS IS A SCAM!

When Lassen County Public Health personnel call residents to schedule a COVID-19 vaccination shot, they only ask for the resident's name and date of birth.

These scammers present themselves as professionals and are smooth talkers. They try to keep the caller on the phone and pressure them into providing personal information. If you receive a call in regards to your COVID-19 vaccination shot and the caller is asking for personal information other than your name and date of birth, DO NOT give them that information.

The Lassen County Sheriff's Office would like to stress to the community to take caution when receiving phone calls where the caller is asking for personal information. Residents are encouraged to report these types of scams immediately to a law enforcement agency.

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