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New USVI Scam Seeks Credit Card Info Through Fake IRS Lawsuit

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A new scam making the rounds in the territory seeks to defraud residents of their credit card info by using an Internal Revenue Service-related, authentic-looking scheme, V.I.P.D. Media Specialist Sakeeda Freeman announced Tuesday.

According to the V.I.P.D., the schemers are using IRS automated records that sound very legitimate, which explains that a lawsuit has been filed against the individual, who is then instructed to provide credit card information through which the individual is urged to pay an outstanding tax payment that comes with a discount.

The V.I.P.D. says the IRS does not make contact through telephone; the federal agency, if it wants to contact you, will do so via USPS, according to the force.

The calls are emanating from New York telephone number 347-468-9786, however beware of unknown numbers as well. The person calls himself IRS agent Jacobs Lucas, but different monikers may be used, so beware of those too.

If you receive a call from anyone trying to get information from you, ask this person to provide a telephone number so that you can return the call before providing any of your information. If you think it's a scam, contact the V.I.P.D. at 340-774-2211.

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