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## NEWS RELEASE

**Incident Date and Time:** On-going  
**Location:** San Mateo County  
**Type of Crime/Incident:** Fraud and Identity Theft, among others

### Summary:

San Mateo County Sheriff's Office would like to recognize Best Buy and the proactive approach they have taken with regard to scammers. Lately, there have been countless victims of phone scams where the suspects are requesting money in the form of gift cards and money orders, all of which would be untraceable once in the hands of criminals, making it incredibly difficult to investigate. Instead, Best Buy has trained their employees in detecting possible victims of this scam while in their stores. Best Buy was recently given the Sheriff's Crime Prevention Award for their proactivity and vigilant efforts.

We want to remind everyone to be cautious when providing any personal or financial information over the phone and if it seems suspicious call the company or agency directly before giving any money. You can also call the Sheriff's Office non-emergency number and request to speak with a Deputy should you have any suspicions.

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