



**University of South Florida St. Petersburg
POLICE CRIME ALERT BULLETIN
Timely Warning Notice
August 2nd, 2018**



SCAM/FRAUD INCIDENT

Earlier today, UPD was contacted by a person who reported being the victim of a phone scam fraud. The person received a telephone call and their Caller ID revealed that the number was originating from a "USF St. Petersburg" telephone utilizing the 873 exchange number. The recorded message made reference to "lowering credit card interest rates" and then connected the person to a representative, who asked for additional personal financial information.

Often these frauds are perpetrated by displaying a recognizable telephone number on the Caller ID ("spoofing") in hopes of engaging the caller for additional information. Please review the information below for additional information regarding these various types of fraud and how to avoid them.

How to Avoid Phone Scams

<https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0076-phone-scams>

How to Avoid Fraud

<https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0060-10-things-you-can-do-avoid-fraud>

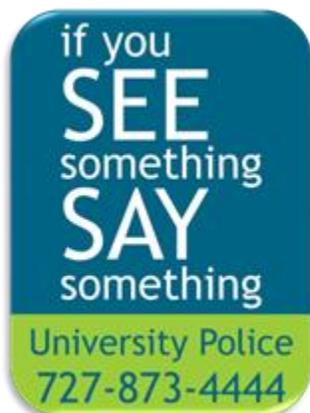
What is Phishing?

<https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0003-phishing>

What is Spoofing?

<https://www.fcc.gov/consumers/guides/spoofing-and-caller-id>

If you need any additional information or assistance, please contact the University Police at 727-873-4444 or police@usfsp.edu.



As always, be alert to your surroundings and immediately report any suspicious persons or incidents to the University Police.

SEE SOMETHING-SAY SOMETHING-DO SOMETHING

If you ever see anyone suspicious on campus or become aware of a suspicious or concerning incident, please call **UPD at 727-873-4444** or alert the University Police via the Blue Emergency Phones.