

## **“DID YOU KNOW?”**

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### **IRS WARNS OF TWO NEW TAX SCAMS**

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The IRS is seeing signs of two new variations of tax-related scams. One involves Social Security numbers related to tax issues and another threatens people with a tax bill from a fictional government agency. It is an attempt to frighten people into returning "robocall" voicemails. They may also mention overdue taxes in addition.

#### **The SSN hustle**

Scammers claim they are able to suspend or cancel Social Security numbers.

#### **Fake tax agency**

This scheme involves the mailing of a letter threatening an IRS lien or levy based on bogus delinquent taxes owed to a non-existent agency. "Bureau of Tax Enforcement". There is no such agency!

#### **THINGS TO KNOW**

The IRS does not leave pre-recorded, urgent or threatening messages.

The IRS does not initiate contact with taxpayers by email to request personal or financial information.