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COMMUNITY ALERT



California Employment Development Department (EDD) Fraud and Identity Theft Alert

The Beverly Hills Police Department has learned of an EDD fraud and identity theft trend statewide. We are working closely with our business partners to mitigate these crimes within our City. We would greatly appreciate compliance with these requests.

Current Trend:

- Suspects posing as customers may possess fraudulent EDD cards that are not in their name
- High dollar amounts are preloaded on the cards
- Purchase of high dollar items with the fraudulent cards or large amounts of cash

How to Prevent:

- Ask for the physical card and do not accept a digital wallet
- If you do accept the EDD card as payment, only accept one card per customer
- Confirm that the name on the card matches the customer in front of you by asking and checking valid forms of government IDs (e.g., valid driver's license or passport)



If you have information about this trend, you are encouraged to call the Beverly Hills Police Department at 310-285-2125. If you would like to remain anonymous, text **BEVHILLSPD** followed by the tip information to **888777**. You can call using Crime Stoppers at 800-222-8477. To access Crime Stoppers, download the “P3 Tips” Mobile APP or use the website: <https://www.lacrimestoppers.org>.