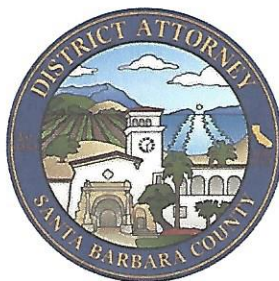


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PUBLIC ALERT - FIRE INSPECTION SCAM

The Santa Barbara County District Attorney's Office and the Santa Barbara County Fire Department are warning local businesses and residents of a fire inspection scam being seen in Santa Barbara County. Businesses and residents should be on the watch for invoices being sent to them from a company called Red Mountain Security and Fire Protection or RMS. The invoices are for fire inspections that have never occurred. The bogus invoices have been received by mail at several businesses in the county. The amount on the invoice is typically in the \$300-\$400 range. If you receive any invoice for any fire inspection service, you should verify that the service has been provided before paying the invoice. If you have received one of these invoices from Red Mountain Security and Fire Protection or RMS or receive any other invoices that you determine are for fire inspection services that did not occur, you are asked to contact Investigator Chris Clement of the Santa Barbara County District Attorney's Office at 805.346.7152.

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