

A new scam may be going around the city, warns Lt. Randy Brandt of the San Leandro police.

Last week, a resident received a fax at their residence. The unknown sender requested that the recipient return a fax to the sender including all their personal information.

The sender claimed to have inherited a large sum of money and they needed assistance transferring it. The recipient was extremely suspicious and immediately reported the incident to the police. Other similar scams have come through emails or regular mail.

The police tried to locate the sender of the fax, but they were not successful, Brandt said.

Brandt said that it is important that the SLPD educates people about fraud. You should not provide your personal information to an unauthorized company or person.

“Residents need to monitor where their personal information is circulated,” Brandt said. “You should never leave mail unattended and you should never provide your information to an unauthorized person.”

This is an ongoing investigation and there are detectives assigned to the case. Witnesses to any incident should contact the San Leandro Police Department’s Investigations Division at 577-3233.