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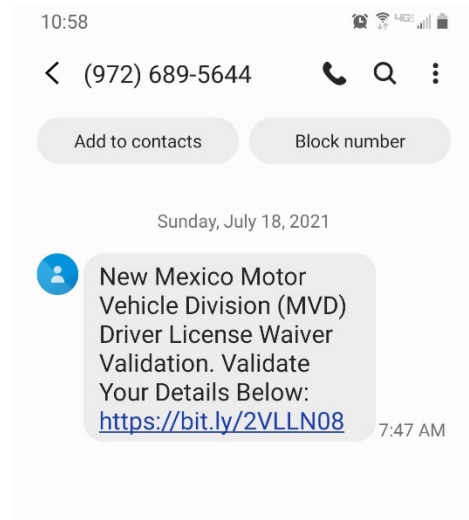
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MVD warns New Mexicans against scam

The Motor Vehicle Division is warning New Mexicans not to respond to fraudulent text messages asking recipients to “validate” their driver’s licenses. The messages appear to be an attempt to obtain recipients’ social security numbers and other personal information.

The fraudulent messages that began going out this weekend come from a 972-area code with the message: “New Mexico Motor Vehicle Division (MVD) Driver License Waiver Validation. Validate Your Details Below”.

The messages do not come from the Motor Vehicle Division. Anyone who receives the message below should not be sure **not** to click on the link provided or provide any personal information.



The messages appear to be a scam known as “smishing,” similar to the email scam known as “phishing” but which instead uses texting (SMS) to lure in victims.

More information about protecting yourself from scams is available from the New Mexico Attorney General's Office at <https://www.nmag.gov/scams-and-fraud.aspx> .

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