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New Mexico MVD warns about phishing websites *Mimic MVD websites to collect fake toll fines*

SANTA FE — The New Mexico Motor Vehicle Division is alerting the public to fraudulent websites designed to look like the official MVD site to trick people into paying fake toll fines.

The only official MVD website is www.mvd.newmexico.gov. Additionally, the MVD will never reach out to customers via text to demand payment or issue threats, nor does New Mexico operate toll roads.

The fake websites, which appear to function primarily on mobile devices, may mimic MVD's brand coloring, layout and page options. Screenshot examples are included at the end of this release.

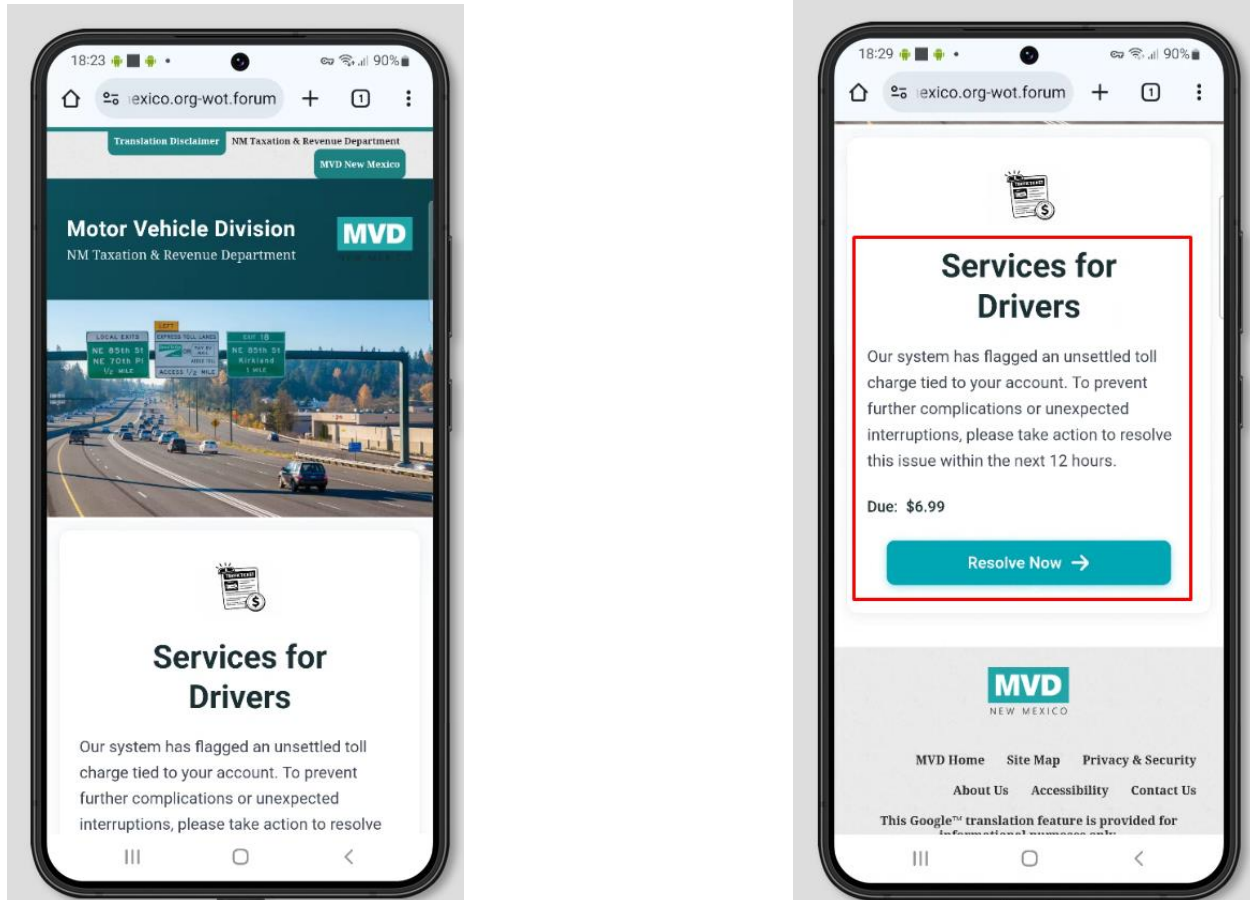
"Scammers are always looking for new ways to take advantage of the public," said **Taxation and Revenue Department Secretary Stephanie Schardin Clarke**. "We want New Mexicans to stay a step ahead of scammers. MVD will never demand payment by text message, and we encourage everyone to double-check website addresses to protect themselves."

MVD will work to take down any fraudulent websites.

If you're ever unsure of website authenticity, open a new browser and manually type in www.mvd.newmexico.gov.

If you receive a suspicious text message, do not click on any links or provide personal information.

MVD will only contact customers by mail on official letterhead and will always provide remedies and contact information to fix the issue. If you need to verify additional legitimacy, contact MVD at www.mvd.newmexico.gov/contact-us/ or by calling 1-888-683-4636.



Above: Screenshot examples of a past fraudulent website imitating the MVD website.

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The Taxation and Revenue Department serves the State of New Mexico by providing fair and efficient tax and motor vehicle services. It administers more than 38 tax programs and distributes revenue to the State and to local and tribal governments throughout New Mexico.

The Department strives to reduce taxpayer burden through clearer communication, statutes, regulations, forms, correspondence and instructions.

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