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The Division of Professions and Occupations has continued to see reports of a scam where licensed dentists are being contacted by an individual stating their license has been suspended for drug trafficking and money laundering. The call comes from a number that caller ID identifies as the State Dental Board. The caller states that the individual has been immediately suspended from practicing due to an ongoing FBI investigation on drug and money laundering charges. The caller will then transfer the licensee to a "secure line" supposedly with an FBI agent. The caller will also provide a letter verifying the suspension to the licensee.

Some items to look out for to identify this scam include:

- Licensees will not receive a phone call as a first notice of suspension. Initial communication will come via letter.
- Caller ID will not identify communication coming from the Division of Professions and Occupations as coming from the State Dental Board.
- The Division of Professions and Occupations will not connect you to a secure line with the FBI.
- The letter provided by the scammer contains several grammatical errors and is sometimes signed by an interim program director or the program director.

If you receive a call that you believe is tied to this scam, please contact your local police department and file a police report. You may also contact the Colorado Office of Attorney General's Consumer Protection Section at <https://coag.gov/file-complaint/scams/>.

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