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Health District issues warning to restaurant owners of person claiming to be a health district inspector

(Las Vegas, Nev., - December 6, 2002) – A number of restaurant owners in Clark County have reported to the Clark County Health District (CCHD) that they have been the target of a person claiming to be an inspector for the “health department.” This person then demands to schedule inspections at unusual hours, such as after hours, and cash payments to avoid closing the restaurant.

The health district is working through its inspectors and the Nevada Restaurant Association to alert the more than 20,000 eating establishments in Clark County of this issue.

“Health district staff are required to carry badges with photo identification and are not permitted to take cash in the field, for permit fees or any other purpose. Restaurant owners should always confirm the identity of anyone claiming to be a health inspector,” said Dr. Donald Kwalick, chief health officer for the district.

Restaurant workers are asked to report any incidences of someone impersonating a health inspector and demanding payment to the health district or the police department through their non-emergency number.” Contact numbers to report this type of activity are:

- CCHD Environmental Health Division: 383-1251 (8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.)
- CCHD: 385-1291 (after hours)
- Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department : 329-3111

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