Various IRS scams reported

KVIA 5/30/2015 10:14:56 PM: ...a call saying, "She owed the IRS $400,000 and that she had to pay the amount or they would secure all her assets and she would have a warrant for arrest issued." We then notified IRS in which they advised us they do not notify anyone by phone for payments owed. Paul had a similar experience, but it was his daughter a student at NMSU who got the call. "He told her that someone had lodged a complaint against her and that she owed the IRS money." “She hung up on him and called me and gave me his number.” I called the place and he answered the phone 'IRS.' “Maybe you can let your viewers know.” And from Rene a local CPA, "Had a couple of calls just today from clients stating they received calls from the IRS." The IRS does not make personal phone calls. "This is a scam hitting El P梭ans. Please inform the public." The calls can come from different area codes ... some are live, others automated ... and yes they can alter the caller ID to make it seem like the call is coming from the IRS. Also the IRS will never require you to use a specific payment method for your taxes, such as a prepaid debit card. Never ask for credit or debit card numbers over the phone. Never threaten to bring in local police or other law- enforcement groups to have you arrested for not paying. Hopefully by getting the word out, we can put these scam artists out of business.