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### **Security Bank Provides Important Information Regarding Recent Scam**

**Midland, TX, July 1, 2014-** Over the past several days, individuals have reported receiving unsolicited calls, some during non-business hours, informing them that their debit card has been compromised. Individuals are being prompted to follow an automated system, instructing them to provide confidential information which is then used for fraudulent purposes. Individuals within the community have been targeted in this scam, whether or not they are a Security Bank customer. Security Bank would like to remind the public to be aware of any text alerts or phone calls and to never give out personal information. Security Bank will never request your personal information via text, email or telephone. If you are a Security Bank customer and have received a call and have provided personal information, please call our Customer Care Department at: 888-303-8298.

Because fraud schemes are common, it is recommended that you take precautions to mitigate the risk of becoming a victim. Visit [www.fbi.gov/scams-safety/fraud](http://www.fbi.gov/scams-safety/fraud) for more information on common fraud schemes and the warning sign.

“This is a serious matter and our bank values every customer and the security of their personal information,” remarked Jim Smitherman, President and CEO of Security Bank. “We pride ourselves in the implementation of best security practices with the highest standard of confidentiality. We want to continue that legacy.”

#### **About Security Bank**

Security Bank was founded in 1928 when a group of local investors realized a vision to help the West Texas community overcome what was clearly one of the most tumultuous times in the history of the United States economy – The Great Depression. Security Bank withstood the instability of that era and proved to be an institution of compassion, character and tenacity. In its 86 years, the bank has continued to endure the changes the market has incurred. It remains one of the oldest financial institutions in West Texas and is continually exceeding the market standards in safety and performance ratings. Security Bank has grown to over \$800 million in assets and has 12 locations in 9 Texas counties. To learn more about Security Bank, log on to [www.mysbank.com](http://www.mysbank.com).