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Be Cautious of AI-Generated Deepfakes

Agana Heights, Guam – The Office of Guam Homeland Security and the Office of Civil Defense (OHS-OCD), in coordination with the Mariana Regional Fusion Center (MRFC), are alerting the community to a rise in "deepfakes" – manipulated videos and audio created using artificial intelligence (AI) to impersonate real people and carry out misinformation campaigns and financial scams.

To protect the island's digital integrity, OHS-OCD and MRFC urge residents to remember: "**Sense the Glitch, Verify the Source.**" This message encourages the community to look beyond viral content and watch for technical flaws common in AI-generated media.

Sense the Glitch: What to Look For

AI models often struggle to replicate natural movement and subtle real-world details. When viewing suspicious media, watch for:

- **The Hand Test:** Extra fingers, missing joints, or hands that appear distorted or melting into objects.
- **Biological Inconsistencies:** Unnatural blinking, mismatched skin tones between the face and neck, or teeth that appear as a single white block.
- **Audio-Visual Lag:** Lip movements that do not sync with hard consonant sounds like *B*, *M*, and *P*.
- **Environmental Warping:** Backgrounds that shimmer or distort when a person moves.
- **Accessory Flicker:** Jewelry, glasses, or hats that flicker, shift, or blend into the skin.

Verify the Source: Before You Share

If a video makes a sensational claim or requests money, pause before sharing. Verify the information through official channels, including verified government social media pages and trusted local news outlets. If it cannot be confirmed by a legitimate, primary source – do not share it.

The community is advised to report any suspicious activity relating to the subject to the MRFC at (671) 475-0400 or via email at mrfc@ghs.guam.gov, following the Department of Homeland Security's campaign, "If You See Something, Say Something."

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