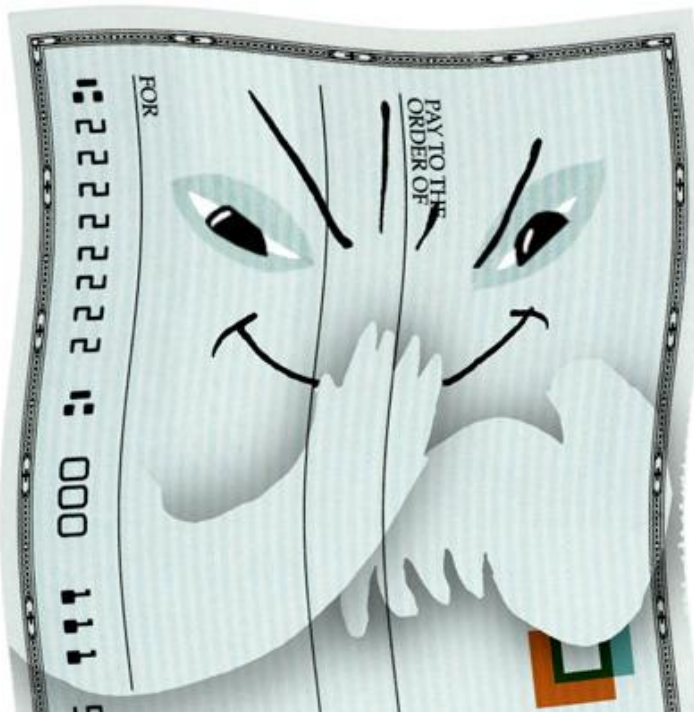


BEWARE OF FRAUDULENT CHECKS

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PROTECT YOURSELF FROM LOSS

Recently, we have seen an unusual rise in fraudulent check activity. For your protection and to prevent losses to our local residents, please continue reading so you do not fall victim by receiving and cashing these fraudulent items.

By all appearances, these fake checks look to be from reliable nation-wide banks. They are typically a "cashiers check" or "bank check".

The key to knowing if you have received a fake check is WHY you received the check. Here are local examples of why the scam occurred:

Selling personal items online

Hired by phone or online to perform surveys

Paid to put advertising on your vehicle

If at any point you are required to sell & ship an item or send part of the funds out before you know the check has cleared (which can take an average of 3 to 14 days), you may be in danger of losing money.

The fraudulent checks have ranged from \$1200 to \$15,000.

If you receive a Cashier or Bank Check from an unfamiliar person or company, proceed with caution

SELLING

When selling personal items online, use sites that ensure the payment is processed before you ship the goods.

RECRUITING

Scammers try to recruit through job offers that require you to cash a check and send money

