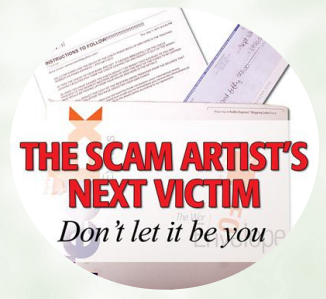




FBI Fraud Alert:

Questions to Ask Yourself



In light of the increasing number of fraudulent scams being circulated throughout the world on a daily basis via the internet or mail the FBI has put together this excellent check list. *If you can answer "yes" to any of the following questions, you could be involved in a fraud or about to be scammed!*

- Are you receiving pay or a commission for facilitating money transfers through your account?
- Did you receive the check via an overnight delivery service?
- Did you respond to an email requesting you to confirm, update, or provide your account information?
- Have you been asked to pay money to receive a deposit from another country such as Canada, England, or Nigeria?
- Have you been informed that you were the winner of a lottery that you did not enter, such as:
 - Australian
 - Canadian
 - El Gordo
 - El Mundo
- Have you been instructed to either wire, send or ship money, as soon as possible, to a large U.S. city or to another country, such as Canada, England, or Nigeria?
- Is the amount of the check more than the item's selling price?
- Is the check connected to communicating with someone by email?
- Is the check drawn on a business or individual account that is different from the person buying your item or product?
- Is the check from an item you sold on the internet, such as a car, boat, jewelry, etc.?

Statistics show that criminals, for a wide variety of reasons, are more likely to target citizens over the age of 50. Most citizens in this age bracket are more trusting and are often persuaded by reference to authority or official looking documents.

The Stockton Police Department encourages all of our residents to contact the police department prior to making any monetary commitment to unknown persons or organizations. Simply contact the police department, and we will gladly work with you to verify the legitimacy of the person or organization that has contacted you.

Finally, we wish to remind our citizens of 1 golden rule, **"If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is."**

Please contact your Community Service Officers with your questions or suggestions.

Neighborhood Watch
(Seaport, Bearcreek and Valley Oak)

Neighborhood Watch
(Park, Civic and Lakeview)

Business Watch (Citywide)

Business Watch (Citywide)

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