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“Fake Check Scams, Don’t Fall For them.”

Have you received an unsolicited check in the mail? If so, you are not alone. Several Sequim area residents have received checks in the mail, ranging in dollar amounts from \$2,800.00 to \$4,600.00, they have alerted the Sequim Police Department. A letter giving instructions accompanies the check; they are told to deposit the check and then send a certain amount of money to cover the fees for their lottery.

We have not had any fraud cases resulting from these checks. If you are mailed a check, usually a cashier’s check and postmarked from outside the United States, that you are not expecting you should be suspicious and recognize that it is probably a fraud. If you are even considering depositing or using one of these checks, which we do not recommend you should first research the name of the bank on the check, have your bank verify the routing number, located on the bottom of the check. So far, we have found that every bank named on these checks and the routing numbers are both fictitious.

A couple of things to keep in mind: there is no legitimate reason for someone who is giving you money to ask you to send him or her money, just because you can withdraw the money doesn’t mean the check is good, you are responsible for the checks you deposit.

We want people to throw these checks away, destroy them. If you have any questions please contact Officer Maris Turner at the Sequim Police Department.

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