

PARSONS POLICE DEPARTMENT FRAUD ALERT

If you can answer “YES” to any of the following questions, you could be involved in a FRAUD or about to be SCAMMED!!

- ❖ Is the CHECK from an item you sold on the Internet such as a car, boat, jewelry, etc.?
- ❖ Is the amount of the check MORE than the item’s selling price?
- ❖ Did you receive the check via an OVERNIGHT DELIVERY SERVICE and/or are you being PRESSURED by the sender to cash it quickly?
- ❖ Is the check connected to someone you know ONLY by email?
- ❖ Is the name on the “sender” portion DIFFERENT than the name of the person you have been dealing with?
- ❖ Have you been informed you were the WINNER of a lottery, such as Canadian, Australian, El Gordo or El Mundo, that you did not enter? (It is illegal to participate in foreign lotteries, and most DO NOT EXIST!)
- ❖ Have you been instructed to “WIRE”, “SEND” or “SHIP” money as soon as possible to a large U.S. city or another country such as Canada, England or Nigeria?
- ❖ Are you receiving PAY or a COMMISSION for facilitating money transfers at your bank or for re-mailing merchandise that is sent to your home or business? (Identity thieves recruit people for these purposes, BEWARE!)

If you think these things may pertain to you, ask an officer to help you, and if needed, ask how to file a complaint. If you cash a counterfeit check ANYWHERE, even if you send some proceeds away, you will be held responsible for ALL of it, and you could be charged with a crime!

DON'T GET RIPPED OFF!