



The above Gift Cheques are counterfeit. They were mailed to an individual who listed items for sale on one of the popular online auction sites.

This type of scam is known as “overpayment fraud” and normally follows a set pattern, although there could be variations. *Most versions of this scam involve someone sending you a check or money order for more than the price of something you are selling, and you get to keep the difference as a commission (or you need to send them back some amount for some reason).*

If you receive, as payment, some gift check, money order, etc. ALWAYS check with the note’s issuer to verify the validity of the instrument.

Should you suspect fraud, contact the Financial Crimes Unit Supervisor at 444-7659.