

Counterfeit / Fake Money Orders

Numerous reports of fake Money Orders have been reported throughout the country. Consumers have reported receiving a so-called "Personal Money Order" after completing surveys or applying for employment. Included with the Money Order is a request to wire half of the dollar amount of the Money Order to an unknown person or purchase a VISA® gift card and send it to an unknown person from an unfamiliar state or country.

These "Personal Money Orders" were found to be counterfeit and part of a countrywide fraud scam using a replica of a real Money Order displaying unauthorized financial institution names and/or logo's.

Cashing a counterfeit Money Order will leave an unsuspecting recipient responsible for the funds obtained. If you receive a "Personal Money Order" please bring it, along with the instructions to your financial institution for help verifying the validity of the instrument.

DO NOT cash Money Orders from an unknown source and never send funds or purchased gift cards to any unverified recipient. If you receive a suspicious Money Order, or are a victim of Money Order fraud, please visit www.ic3.gov to file a complaint immediately.