

The Investigator Newsletter

Cheque Fraud



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What is cheque fraud?

Cheque fraud is when one uses cheques to acquire funds that do not exist within an account. As cheques take days to clear, the money shown in the bank account right after an edeposit or deposit is technically 'borrowed' from the bank. If the cheque does not clear, the bank withdraws the money from the account.

Scammers take advantage of the clearance hold by making their victims send money that does not exist in their bank account.

Some Common Cheque Fraud Scams

 Overpayment scam: You sell something on an online marketplace site, and the buyer gives you a cheque.
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- charged, and they ask you to transfer back the difference.
- <u>Employment scam:</u> A foreign company hires you to sell products. You are given cheques to pay for certifications or supplies. Another instance is when you are given a cheque to transfer money to another company employee.
- Windfall scam: You are told that you won a lottery or have received an inheritance from someone you don't know. You are given a cheque and told to pay the taxes in exchange.

Make sure to alert authorities, including your bank, if you think you received a fake cheque.

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