

FRAUDS AND SCAMS

Please use common sense – if it sounds too good to be true, it most likely is!

Dodge County citizens are being targeted and falling victim to old scams with new twists.

One scam is a lottery or prize winning notification stating that you are the winner but need to send money to cover taxes and fees. Sometimes the schemers send a check along with the notification letter to “help” you pay the fees. They instruct you to cash or deposit the check and use Money Gram or Western Union to wire the money. Several days later, your bank will notify you that the check was no good and you are out the money.

Another scam is postings of items for sale at prices drastically below the actual value. One Dodge County resident found a horse trailer for sale online, allegedly in the Ripon area. It was valued at over \$40,000.00 but offered for \$5,200.00. The trailer was actually for sale and the scammer cut and pasted the actual photos to his own website. The woman wired the money to the scammer only to find out he did not own the trailer.

When money is wired to Money Gram or Western Union destinations it can be retrieved at any office at any location. Thieves use false identity to pick up the money. Or, sometimes, the person who picks up the money is also an unwitting victim who receives a small cut of the funds and then sends the rest of the money on to another location.

Many of these scams are routed through Canada and England and then on to Africa. It is not possible for U.S. authorities, let alone, local police agencies to investigate, solve, and recover the victim’s money.

The only way to stop these types of crimes is to prevent people from falling for these scams. Please be smart and don’t become a victim. Educate your friends and family. You are the first line of defense!



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Claim #: XPL-542264-SM

RE: URGENT NOTIFICATION

We are pleased to advise you that your name has been drawn in the annual CONSUMER'S PROMOTIONAL DRAW, organized for both American and Canadian customers of the following major retailers e.g. Target, Wal-Mart, Sears, Macy's, Home Depot, Zellers, McDonald etc.

Your name was attached with the serial #275665 and was drawn out of a computer database. Therefore, you are entitled to the preliminary prize of \$250,000.00 payable to you by means of a CERTIFIED CHECK, and will be delivered to you by a courier company.

Enclosed is a check for the amount of \$4,980.70US, this check has been provided to aid you in the mandatory payment of **Non-Canadian Residential Tax**, insurance, and delivery charges pertaining to your \$250,000.00 winning. It should be noted that you are not required to make any payment by way of your own finances.

In order to successfully receive your winnings you must first contact your assigned claim's agent as listed below:

CLAIM AGENT: AMANDA FULLER: (778)859-1791

**HOURS of OPERATION:
Monday to Friday
7AM to 6PM (Pacific Standard Time)**

All tax payments are payable to your designated tax agent as listed below:

**TAX AGENT: KELLY MADISON
2033 DEVERLING DR
OTTAWA , CANADA**

TAX AMOUNT: \$4,770.30

PAYMENT METHOD: Money Gram/ Western Union



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Workplace Division

American Heritage Life Insurance Company
1776 American Heritage Life Drive Jacksonville, Florida 32224

Check Number: 0006605076
Date of Issue: 11/18/2009

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PAY: FOUR THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED EIGHTY DOLLARS AND 70/100-----

Check Amount

*****\$4,980.70

TO THE
ORDER OF

RESEVILLE, WI 53579

Joan M. Crockett
Samuel H. Pilleh

SIGNATURE
VOID AFTER 90 DAYS

Bank of America Customer Connection
Bank of America, N.A.
Bank of America Customer Connection, Texas

SECURITY FEATURES INCLUDED. DETAILS ON BACK

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