

Don't Be the Victim of a New Twist on an Old Scam

An individual seeking employment posted her resume on Monster & Career Builder. She was contacted by an "employer" and offered a job as a caregiver for a woman getting out a rehab facility (this is the type of job this individual was looking for). The "employer" was very specific in the terms of employment, spelling out hours and expectations right down to the medications that the patient was going to need. The woman performed some basic investigating and felt she was being offered a legitimate job. The "employer" even sent her an application to complete, which she completed and included ALL of her identifying information that a con artist might need. She included her full name and address, her entire employment history, schooling information, and even her Social Security number. You name it, she told her "employer."

The "employer" then sent an Official Check to the woman, and told the woman that the check was for her first week's salary, petty cash for the patient, and the patient's first month rent (which the landlord lives in California). The "employer" asked the woman to Western Union the rent deposit to the landlord, which she did.

The woman's financial institution received notification a few days later that the "Official Check" was being returned Counterfeit.

In these scam situations, usually the emails back and forth between the con artist and the individual have an obvious issue such as grammatically incorrect, words spelled wrong etc. In reviewing the written communication provided by the woman, others may have believed it was a legitimate job too, they were that good.

This is another example of "NEVER send money to people you don't know."

Update: The scammers sent her another check and want her to Western Union out more money!