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Chief Mazzie Warns Residents of Internet Scams

Chief Steven A. Mazzie informed the public of one of the latest of many internet scams. This scam seeks people for part-time positions called “mail assistants” for work done at home. Vacancies for these positions are posted on Craigslist.com under the name of ABS Consulting. ABS purports to have facilities throughout Europe, referred to as “Forward Luxembourg.” It claims to be a leading global provider of risk-management services.

Job seekers are told they will provide mail forwarding services, received mail at home, scan the front of each envelope received, e-mail scanned images to the company and ship the mail to the company biweekly.

After two weeks on the job, the assistants get an e-mail promising \$800 dollars plus an extra \$200 dollar bonus. To test their “integrity” the “assistants” are told they will get a check for \$2,800 and must mail a personal check back to return the extra money.

The \$2,800 check will look legitimate but in reality it’s bogus. The scammer will now have access to the “assistant’s” checking account. Additionally, the “assistant” is unknowingly committing a criminal violation by scanning victim’s mail.

Persons having information on this or similar scams should report it online to the Postal Inspection Service at <https://postalinspectors.uspis.gov/> or call 1-877-876-2455, option #3.

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Residents when in doubt should report all suspicious activity said Chief Mazzie. He reminds residents that if it sounds too good to be true it usually is.

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