

SCAMS

Types of scams that we are seeing:

1. Mail

- a. Notification that you one a cash prize and a check is enclosed. You cash the check and send a portion by Western Union or Money Gram to the company. The check bounces.
- b. You get a prize notification in the mail with a non-negotiable check. It asks for \$20.00 for your prize. Read the fine print, it usually states that you will receive for you investment lotteries you can enter.

2. Internet

- a. Usually a bank, such as Citi-Bank, e-mails you and tells you that they need information and direct you to a sight and then ask for personal information.

3. Phone

- a. Receive a call either computerized or in person from a bank representative asking for account and personal information.

Protection:

1. Never give out personal information, such as:
 - a. Social Security number.
 - b. Account numbers.
 - c. Passwords

If you do give out personal information, call the company and report it.

What to look for:

1. Addresses and phone numbers from different countries.
2. Spelling in the notification, such as "I" not capitalized, or dates written with day before month. This shows that it is written from someone outside the U.S.
3. Asking for money so you can win money, or something you did not enter.

**Call the Powell Police Department with questions if you receive a possible scam.
Most of the time if you are scammed the money is gone over-seas.**