

COUNTERFEIT SCAM

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Pioneer Federal Credit Union's name is being used in a scam involving counterfeit checks that appear to be drawn on PFCU. Here are the details you will need to know to protect yourself against the scam:

- The credit union logo is not correct. The spacing of the logo is not correct and we do not put the address and phone number under the logo.
- Various fraudulent phone numbers are listed on the checks for verification instead of our actual phone number.
- The checks were issued by INTERGRATED PAYMENT SYSTEMS, INC from Englewood, Colorado.
- Nationwide Marketing and a globe of the world may be in the upper left hand corner of the check. This is the current scam as of 9/18/08.
- The checks say "Cashier's Checks." We do not issue cashier's checks.
- The checks are from: "RE: Sarah Pearson, Linda Flemmington, Mary Donovan or Patricia Collins."
- The check signer is Fred L. Kent or Barbara Miller.
- Various check numbers appear on the checks and the checks come in different colors.
- The routing and transit number of 122087341 is not correct.
- Some checks are sent from Canada
- The checks vary in amounts from \$980 to \$5900.00 and higher.
- A letter is sent with the check to inform the recipient they have either won a lottery, been chosen as a Secret Shopper or to buy a car they might have listed for sale on the Internet. They are to keep a portion of the check for their time and services and then are instructed to wire the rest of the money to Canada by "Money Gram" available at any Wal-Mart location.

PLEASE BE ADVISED THESE CHECKS ARE NOT ISSUED by Pioneer Federal Credit Union and this is a counterfeit check scheme.

If a person deposits these checks into their credit union or bank account, the checks will be returned as counterfeit items. The payee will have a legal obligation to pay back any funds that were received from the check.

Please remember, if you receive a check or correspondence from an unknown person or business ***THAT SOUNDS TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE, it usually is!***

If you receive one of these checks, keep the envelope and letter and notify your local police department or one of the agencies listed below.

Federal Trade Commission: www.ftc.gov/bcp/online/edcams/crossborder

Canadian Anti-Fraud Organization: www.phonebusters.com

Postal Service Inspections Office: www.usps.com/ostalinspectors
Internet Fraud Complaint Center: www.internetfraud.usdoj.gov/