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### **LCSO Warns of Fraudulent Email Scam**

The Leon County Sheriff's Office has received several reports from victims concerning a recent fraudulent email scam.

LCSO has learned victims are receiving emails from an email address with the domain "@leonschools.net." At this time, detectives do not believe the email address is affiliated with the Leon County School Board.

The email is an advertisement for a part-time work opportunity to be a secret shopper. Victims are sent a cashier's check and a detailed letter via postal service mail. The letter describes how to deposit the cashier's check into a bank, how to purchase and send gift cards from several merchants and explains how to earn money by participating in surveys after the fact. The cashier's check is subsequently deemed counterfeit and returned by the bank. The suspects also call the victims back and try and obtain the other purchased gift cards.

Please contact the Sheriff's Office at (850) 606-3300 with any information regarding this email scam or if you have been victimized.

Here are some tips for avoiding being a victim to this fraudulent activity:

- Do not respond to texts, emails, or calls requesting a person to deposit checks for any job opportunity.
- Delete emails and do not respond to any suspicious requests for personal information from an unknown source.



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