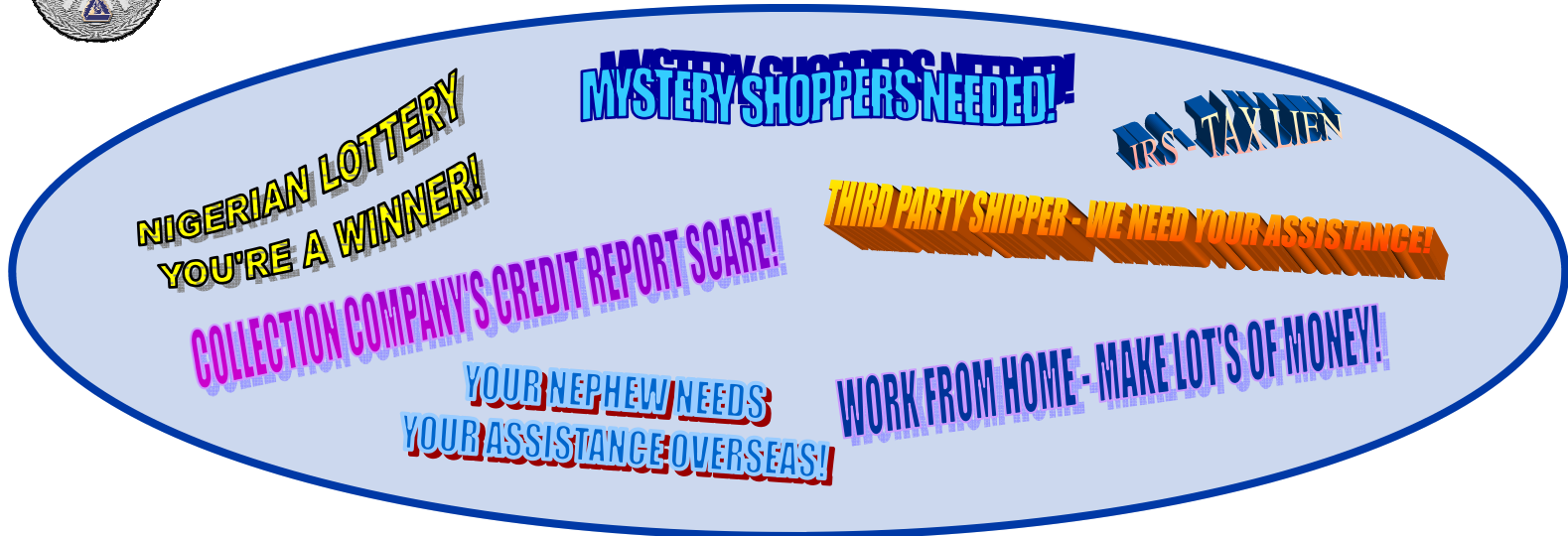




FRAUD AWARENESS—DON'T GET SCAMMED!



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Citizen's beware—you may be tempted to fall for one of these current scams! We've all seen them, "work from home" be a "re-shipper," "payment processor," or a "secret shopper." Or maybe you've received an email advising that you've won the Nigerian lottery, or been contacted to help bail your nephew out of jail in another country, prompting you to wire money overseas. The Broomfield Police Department Investigations Unit advises you that these fraud scams may cost you a lot of time and money. Don't be caught off guard.

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Below are awareness tips on how to detect these scams:

- The e-mail, document, telephone call, or other correspondence is unsolicited.
- There is implied urgency in the offer or request, that if you don't act immediately there will be some consequence or loss to you or someone else.
- The correspondence offers high wages for very little work.
- You cannot go to a physical location, locally, to meet with your prospective employer.
- The prospective employer asks for unusual pre-employment information such as bank account numbers, routing numbers, and / or debit / credit card numbers. Or requires you to buy your work equipment / supplies from them prior to employment.
- Google It! Many times if you use the internet to search for the company name, the company phone number, the person's name, etc., you will find numerous blogs, websites, press releases, etc. warning about potential scams related to your query. Even if the company name is legitimate when you search for it, check out their press releases, or even call them, and you'll probably find information about potential scams that may be imitating the real company.
- If you find what appears to be a legitimate website for your prospective employer beware of spoofed / cloned websites where there is no "contact us" information such as a phone number or physical address. Look for generic pictures of "happy employees", "happy customers", and the "perfect corporate headquarters". Real companies don't usually dress up their websites with such overt measures of "everything's okay pictures".
- Call a friend, family member, or even the Police, to ask if they've heard of the company / potential scam.

By being cautious, and thorough, you can avoid becoming a victim of one of these scams. Everyone could use an extra buck in these economic times, just remember—**"If it sounds too good to be true....it probably is!"**

To file a fraud complaint, contact the Investigations Unit of the Broomfield Police Department at 303-438-6400.

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