Scammers will target anyone, even the Chief of Police

St. Petersburg Chief of Police received a check for $2,450.00, addressed to him at Police Headquarters. The Chief was suspicious and the Economic Crimes Unit verified it was a fake check, despite its authentic appearance.

Detectives say this type of scam comes in many forms, usually with instructions to deposit the check and send a “fee” to a particular address, often overseas. The police dept. receives reports of this type of fraud several times a week.

Police warn the public of these types of scams...if it’s too good to be true...it usually is. An Economic Crimes detective is available for interviews between 10:30-11:30 at the PIO office, St. Pete Police Headquarters, 1300 1st Ave. N..