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**INCREASING NUMBER OF AMERICANS FALLING PREY TO CLEVERLY-  
DISGUISED WORK AT HOME SCAMS**

**RICHMOND, VA** One of the more prevalent scams is sent via email to a recipient alerting the individual that the scammer saw his/her resume on CareerBuilder.com. The job-seeker is made to believe they will be working as a payment processor, data/clerical administrator, secretary for a billing department or account manager for a foreign company and will receive a percentage as their commission.

Although there will be no background check, no real interview and no verifying of references, the job-seeker will be required to provide the usual employment information. This includes their full name, address, phone number and social security number. In other words, all the information needed for identity theft. After the job-seeker becomes an "employee" of the company, they will start receiving money in the form of checks or wire transfers. The employee may be asked to wire the money to another company, another contractor or a phony customer.

The scammer's intent is to get the job-seeker to accept funds, deposit the "check" (which happens to be counterfeit) from a person with whom they are not dealing directly and send those funds to someone else before the bank catches on. The "check" will have a legitimate business name and account number and therefore will pass through many bank "holds."

In some cases, victims of this scam are being arrested and criminally charged for depositing counterfeit checks.

If you have been victimized by this scam, NW3C strongly recommends that you contact your local police department and file a complaint with the Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3) by visiting [www.ic3.gov](http://www.ic3.gov). IC3 is a partnership between NW3C and the FBI.

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