

BANK EXAMINER / PIGEON DROP ALERT FORM

This is for your own protection. Please read and sign this form before you withdraw \$ _____ from your account.

Customers lose millions of dollars each year to con-artists. One of the most successful of these crimes is referred to as the Bank Examiners Scam in which criminals pose as FBI agents, bank examiners, detectives, or security officers of banks or savings and loan associations and claim to customers they are investigating a shortage in their account. Once they gain your confidence, they will ask you to help them investigate a dishonest bank employee whom they claim has withdrawn funds from your account. They will ask you to withdraw cash from your account, give it to them for marking and claim they will redeposit the money and then somehow catch the dishonest person.

Another swindle is to involve you in a situation in which a stranger approaches you, claims to have found a purse or bag, asks if it is yours, then discovers it is full of money. Often the two of you are joined by a third person and one of these two will suggest that the three of you should split the money. One will claim they know a lawyer who can take care of all the paperwork.

Once you agree to share this newly found money, these cons will ask that you withdraw a sum of cash from your account to either show your good faith or to satisfy the lawyer that you have funds to live on while your claim for the found money is processed.

ARE YOU WITHDRAWING MONEY TODAY BECAUSE:

- Someone recently called you, claimed he was investigating a shortage in your account and asked for your help?
- You were told by this “investigator” to go to a particular teller in this institution, withdraw a large amount of cash from your account, and give it to him?

- The “investigator” claimed he would somehow mark or identify your money, then redeposit it and follow it through the system to catch a dishonest bank employee?

OR

- The two people you recently met on the street are waiting outside for you to return with your good faith money. They claim that all three of you will then see a lawyer who will distribute the recently found money?

Be advised that the people who claimed they were investigators and asked for your help or the two who recently found money and want to share it with you are criminals. These two con games are very old, tried and true. These schemes have tricked thousands of people over the years. You don't have to be one of their victims.

IF YOU ARE NOT CERTAIN WHAT TO DO:

SIMPLY ASK THE TELLER TO GIVE YOU THE CURRENT STATUS OF YOUR ACCOUNT OR IF YOU HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT THIS TELLER IS DISHONEST, ASK FOR A BANK OFFICIAL.

OR

JUST WRITE THE WORD “YES” BESIDE ANY OF THE ABOVE QUESTIONS AND GIVE THE FORM BACK TO THE TELLER.

Remember, these swindlers are nearly always friendly people with honest faces who act with confidence and have authoritative voices. This is how they gain your trust. You are in no physical danger. It is not too late to save your money.

If you give your money to your two new “friends” or to the “investigator” waiting outside, or you have been told to return to your home and wait for further instructions, you are going to lose every penny you withdraw today.

I have read and understand the above statements. By signing this form, I direct this financial institution to complete my request for a cash withdrawal.

Signature

Date