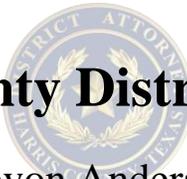


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DA Warns of Check Fraud Scam

*Criminals impersonate District Attorney's Office staff
seeking credit card information*

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District Attorney Devon Anderson today warned the public about a scam that is targeting Harris County residents. Criminals are claiming to be members of the District Attorney's Check Fraud Division. The scammers are randomly calling residents, telling them they have a bounced check and need to pay the fine with a credit card or they will be arrested.

"Criminals will use any method necessary to steal your credit card information, including impersonating law enforcement personnel," said DA Anderson. "Our office will not call you and ask for your credit card information. Never give out your credit card or personal information to anyone who calls asking for it. If you think you are a victim of this scam, please come forward so we can help you and catch the criminals responsible."

The Check Fraud Division handles cases involving bounced or fraudulent checks. When our office receives a check fraud case, a demand letter is sent to the person who has the delinquency. The letter instructs the person to make a payment by cashier's check or money order to the Harris County Restitution Program.

If you think you are a victim of this scam, please call the Harris County District Attorney's Office at 713-755-5800.