

FAKE CHECK SCAM ALERT

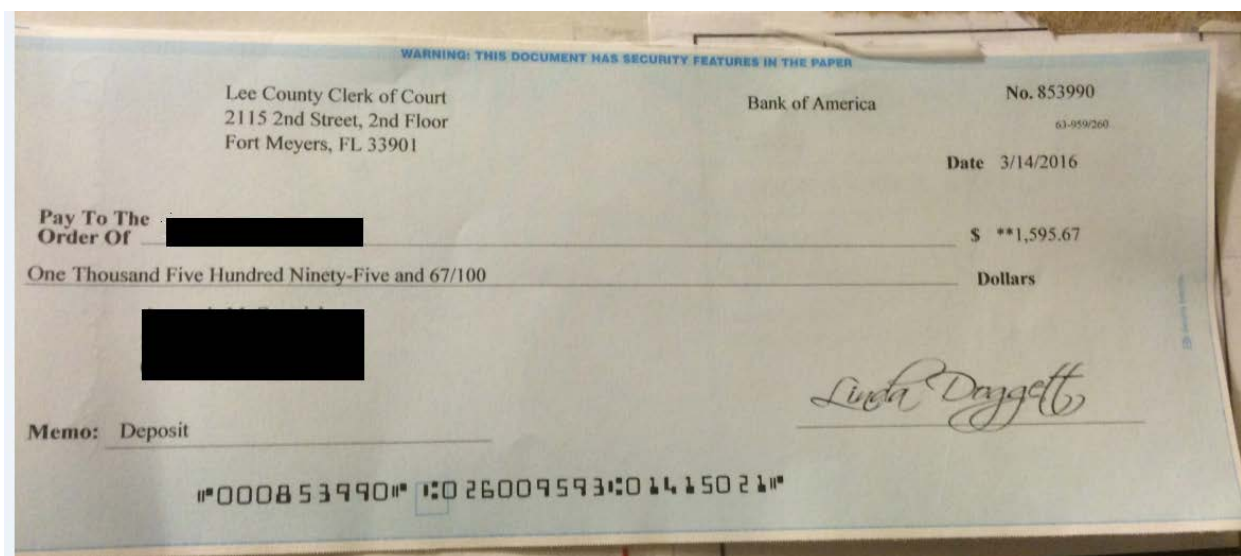
Counterfeit or fake checks are being used in a fraudulent scheme. The scam is offering part-time, flexible hours working from home and mailing checks on behalf of the Lee County Clerk of Courts Office.

When the victim responds to the bogus job offer, the scam artist sends fraudulent check stock and a mailing list for victims to write and send checks on behalf of the Clerk's Office. The scammer may request personal information from the victim e.g., driver's license, Social Security number, etc., for accepting the bogus job posting to be used in identity theft.

It is important to note that the Lee County Clerk of Courts Office does not hire or remit payments through third-party vendors of employees. Legitimate open positions are advertised on our website www.LeeClerk.org

Sometimes, the scammers just send out fraudulent checks in hopes that the victim will deposit the check. Before you ever deposit an unsolicited check, you should ask yourself, "Why am I receiving this check?" Remember, you are responsible for the checks that YOU deposit.

Check the website www.Fraud.org for a list of some common fake check scams.



Fraudulent check used in a recent scam

If you think you've been targeted by a counterfeit check scam, **DO NOT DEPOSIT THE CHECK.** Instead, report as much information and detail to the [Lee County Sheriff's Fraud Division](http://LeeCountySheriff.com) or call the Sheriff's Office Fraud Hotline at 239-258-3292 and contact the Clerk's Office at 239-533-2766 or email Info_ScamAlert@leclerk.org.