

Boston College Police Department Community Awareness Bulletin

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Boston College Police have recently received several reports from students regarding unsolicited and fraudulent online employment opportunities. Individuals are posing as hiring managers and/or professors and are encouraging students to contact them in a variety of ways for "employment" opportunities.

These scam "job opportunities" often take the form of "Research Assistant" and frequently ask a student to purchase items for their business, or deposit checks for the business. What the scam is attempting to do is to get the student to deposit a fraudulent check (that will bounce in a few days/weeks) and purchase items such as store/gift cards or send personal checks with their own money.

As a reminder:

Never give out personal information like your social security or bank account number over email or phone.

Never take cashier s checks or money order as a form of payment. Fake checks are common and the bank where you cash it will hold you accountable.

Never cash a check that comes with

at 617-552-3430.

If you feel that you ve been the victim of a scam, please contact BC Police at 617-552-4440.

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