



TOWN OF JUPITER

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DON'T BE A VICTIM OF FRAUD! THESE TIPS CAN PREVENT YOU FROM BEING A VICTIM

- If you receive a telephone call or pop message on the computer from your bank or credit card company asking you to provide them with your password, don't respond. Banks and credit card companies do not ask customers to provide their passwords. If you have questions about your account, call the bank or credit card company directly.
- Don't leave your purse or wallet in your vehicle when you are going to the beach, dropping your child off at day care, or going to the gym. Criminals are breaking into vehicles and using your information to open fraudulent accounts.
- If you receive a telephone call from a family member who says they are in some type of distress, such as they have been arrested, or they are stranded and need you to wire them money immediately, don't send them money until you confirm this information.
- Don't answer ads to earn money from home that request you accept and deposit a check and then wire money. A victim will deposit the check and wire the money, however once the check goes to the issuing bank it will be sent back to the original bank marked as fraudulent and you will be out the money.
- Don't respond to mailings or emails that state you have won the lottery.
- Don't leave your purse in your shopping cart while you are shopping. We investigate many cases in which a suspect will distract you by talking to you and another suspect will then steal your purse from the cart.
- Be very cautious when buying and selling items on-line. You never know who you are truly communicating with. Even when using on-line pay services, criminals will send fictitious e-mails that appear to be from the billing service. Criminals then direct you to send the money to them instead of the billing service.