Check Fraud Scheme

ALERT #: 14-009

REPORTED OFFENSE: Suspect carrying a check approaches victim (students and non-students) at ATM and states that she has no ID so she is unable to cash it. She asks victim to deposit the check into their account. Victim then gives the suspect cash from their account. It is later determined that the check is fraudulent. There have been ten such cases at the Jefferson and McClintock Bank of America ATM.

DATE & TIME OF OCCURRENCE: May 4, 2014 to present, daytime hours

LOCATION: Bank of America ATM at Jefferson and McClintock Ave. (off campus)

SUSPECT DESCRIPTION (provided by complainants): African American female, approximately 25 years old, 5’ 5”, 125 lbs. wearing hospital type scrubs in various colors (see ATM surveillance photos below)

IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION ABOUT THESE CRIMES, CALL THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AT (213) 740-4321 OR LAPD SOUTHWEST AREA AT (213) 485-6571
Refer to USC Incident #1401861

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TAKE A STAND AGAINST FRAUD AND SCAM ARTIST

- It is not always easy to spot con artists. They're smart, extremely persuasive, and aggressive. They invade your home by telephone and mail, advertise in well-known newspapers and magazines, and come to your door.
- Most people think they are too smart to fall for a scam. Nevertheless, con artists rob all kinds of people - from investment counselors and doctors to teenagers and elderly widows - of billions of dollars every year.
- Just remember... if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.
- If you observe a crime in progress, STAY CALM AND CALL DPS (213) 740-4321.
- If you SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING. Any suspicious persons or activities should be reported to DPS or LAPD immediately.
- BE A GOOD WITNESS. Describe exactly what you observed with as many details as possible. Give complete descriptions such as sex, race, age, height, weight, hair color, clothing, tattoos, and scars. Try to get the license plate if a vehicle is involved.
- Report Crime ANONYMOUSLY via Trojans Care For Trojans https://sait.usc.edu/ca/tc4t/reporting.asp