

To the Texas Chiropractic College Community,

We have received a complaint of person(s) trying to scam sellers on the Texas Chiropractic College classifieds site.

After expressing interest in your posting, the potential buyer sends you a Money Order or Cashier's Check that is a forgery. This is a high quality forgery, and your bank will not inform you right away that it is a fake. It can take your bank 5 to 7 days or even longer, to find out that the Money Order or Cashier's Check is forged. By this time you may have already shipped or exchanged your equipment.

Example of Fraud:

Hello, I am very interested in purchasing your {Equipment} and the price you quoted {\$1200} is okay by me. I have an overseas client who is interested. He has sent me a cashier's check in the amount of {\$5,000} it can then be filled in with your name as soon as I get an indication of the condition of the equipment including pictures and the details. Please reply a.s.a.p.

We regret that unscrupulous scam artists use sites like ours to take advantage of unsuspecting victims. You may want to set up a secure online account like PayPal (<http://www.paypal.com/>) for a safe option for a financial exchange.

Also here are a few tips to avoid such a scam:

- Meet the prospective buyer face-to-face
- Demand the exact payment agreed upon
- Do not accept overpayment; send back original funds
- Wait for any check or funds to clear through the bank before releasing your items
- Confirm validity of money order with U.S. Postal Service or issuing company
- Do not be intimidated by threats of the suspect, such as going to the FBI or other authority

Just make sure to always trust your instincts. If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

Thank you,

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