


CARMEL OBSERVER

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Crime Watch Coordinators and Block Captains:

Don't forget the annual crime watch meeting with Chief Fogarty on Wednesday, February 18th at 7:00pm. The meeting will be held at Carmel City Hall, 1 Civic Square, on the 2nd floor in the Council Chambers. We hope to see as many of you as possible.

Work-At-Home Scams

Source: FBI Cyber Investigations

Consumers need to be vigilant when seeking employment online. The IC3 (Internet Crime Complaint Center) continues to receive numerous complaints from individuals who have fallen victim to work-at-home scams.

Victims are often hired to “process payments,” “transfer funds,” or “reship products.” These job scams involve the victims receiving and cashing fraudulent checks, transferring illegally obtained funds for the criminals, or receiving stolen merchandise and shipping it to the criminals.

Other victims sign up to be a “mystery shopper,” receiving fraudulent checks with instructions to cash the checks and wire the funds to “test” a company’s services. Victims are told they will be compensated with a portion of the merchandise or funds.

Work-at-home schemes attract otherwise innocent individuals, causing them to become part of criminal schemes without realizing they are engaging in illegal behavior.

Job scams often provide criminals the opportunity to commit identity theft when victims provide their personal information, sometimes even bank account information, to their potential “employer.” The criminal/employer can then use the victim’s information to open credit cards, post on-line auctions, register websites, etc., in the victim’s name to commit additional crimes.

If you have been a victim of Internet crime, please file a complaint at www.ic3.gov.

Beware of the “Bump-And-Rob”

Source: National Crime Prevention Council

It works like this. A car, usually with a driver and at least one passenger, rear-ends or “bumps” you in traffic. You get out to check the damage. The driver or one of the passengers jumps in your car and drives off.

If you're bumped by another car, look around before you get out. Make sure there are other cars around, then check out the car that's rear-ended you and who's in it. If the situation makes you uneasy, stay in the car and insist on moving to a police station or busy, well-lighted area to exchange information.

Be Alert

Remember to call and report any suspicious activity. For non-emergencies call 571-2580. Emergency dial 911.

Indiana Road Conditions

Call: 232-8298 (December 1st through April 1st)

Outside Indianapolis: 1-800-261-7623

*Questions, Comments or Concerns,
Please give us a call.*

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