

WARNING!

FROM THE OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL LORI SWANSON

**HAVE YOU RECEIVED A *CASHIER'S*
CHECK OR OTHER CHECK FROM
SOMEONE YOU DON'T KNOW?**

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**HAVE THEY ASKED YOU TO
WIRE MONEY TO THEM?**

Many foreign lottery scams and fake cashier's check scams are aimed at Minnesota citizens. The scam artist sends the victim a counterfeit check and then asks the victim to wire money to the scam artist. By the time the fake check bounces, the money has already been wired to the scam artist in a foreign country. Please keep this in mind:

- Foreign Lotteries are ALWAYS ILLEGAL!
- Do *not* wire money to someone you don't know in a foreign country! Scam artists use prepaid cellphones, post office boxes, and throwaway email addresses. The scam artists are on the run and difficult to catch! Law enforcement officials may have little recourse.
- A check is not good just because your financial institution makes funds available to you after you deposit a check. A counterfeit check can still bounce for up to two weeks!

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