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FLORISSANT POLICE

TWO SCAM ALERTS!!!!

#1: Citizens beware, if it sounds too good to be true it is! And now scammers are even getting the government involved, specifically, the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

A resident passed along an email she received that claimed she was the recipient of \$800,000.00 from a lottery company outside of the USA. Sound familiar, it is just with a different twist.

This one was addressed from:

Anti-Terrorist and Monetary Crime Division
FBI Headquarters in Washington, D.C.
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington Field Office
601 4th Street NW
Washington, D.C. 20535

The notice claims that after a thorough investigation it has come to light that the recipient has legally won \$800,000.00 and all they need to do is pay a \$ 150.00 Shipping fee sent by Western Union or Money Gram.

THIS SHOULD BE A BIG **RED FLAG!**

It's even signed by the F.B.I. Assistant Director in Charge, Joseph Persichini, Jr.

#2: Several people, officers included, have received a text message informing them their bank accounts have been compromised. One Florissant Officer received five (5) of these in one afternoon. Not one of them was from a bank they had an account with but all requested they respond immediately by phone. Obviously, the officer didn't respond to the phone number provided and neither should you. If you need to contact your bank do so with a phone number you know that is valid or from a phone book. You could ask for a bank representative or a loss prevention specialist to determine if the message is valid.

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