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PRESS RELEASE

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To: All Media Outlets

Re: **Car Wrap Scam targets college students**

Details:

District Attorney Tony Matulewicz warns residents of a scam that is targeting college students.

The scammers pretend to be representatives of Expo2020. They are seeking assistance from college students by offering them \$300.00 per week to advertise the upcoming event (*to be hosted by Dubai in the United Arab Emirates, and rescheduled for October 2021*) by placing temporary advertisement stickers on their cars as they travel to and from college, and their homes.

Once basic information is provided (such as name and contact information), along with the total number of miles driven each week, a second e-mail is sent out which informs the student that they have been accepted into the program. They are now told that a check will be deposited into their bank account. Additional money will be included in that check to pay the car wrap specialist.

The car wrap specialist is to be paid using gifts cards and other forms of pre-paid cards when first making contact with the student.

The scam works like this. A worthless check is deposited into the student's account. The student is then contacted by the car wrap specialist, (another scammer), who would seek payment prior to applying the wrap. A few days later, the bank would inform the student that the checks failed to clear. Any money sent to the scammer would be unrecoverable.



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