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SCENTSY SCAM WARNING

The Kronenwetter Police Department would like to advise the public about a fraud targeting Scentsy representatives. Yesterday our department took complaints from two separate Scentsy representatives, who both advised they received an e-mail from an individual wanting to place an order with them.

After ordering approximately \$300.00 worth of product, the suspect stated her uncle would pay for the order via check. The victims subsequently received checks for approximately \$965.00 and were instructed to send the difference (roughly \$665.00) to the buyer via money gram.

The suspect stated she lived in North Carolina and her uncle lived in South Carolina; however, the checks came from a California bank and the remaining balance was supposed to be sent to an entirely different location. The bank in California advised they did not issue these checks and further stated they have received numerous calls regarding them. In both cases, the bank listed on the fraudulent checks was *Farmer's Merchants Bank*.

This is a classic fraud case where the scam artist sends a fraudulent check that's written for an amount much higher than the asking price. They want the victims to send the remaining balance to them before they have a chance to realize the check is fraudulent. Nobody conducting legitimate business sends someone a check for hundreds of dollars above the asking price and then asks for the balance to be returned to them.

We would like to advise Scentsy Representatives or anyone who knows a representative to be aware of such frauds. If you have any questions or concerns regarding a check you received, please feel free to contact your local police department.

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