WHAT IS THIS NOTICE
A crime has occurred that does not meet CLERY timely warning criteria, but it is necessary to notify the community due to lack of suspect identity.

LOCATION OF INCIDENT/CRIME
Multiple

SUMMARY OF CRIME/INCIDENT
Multiple students reported receiving e-mails from an address pretending to be professors having job opportunities. The alleged professor offers a job to the student that requires them to receive a (fake) check, deposit it, sometimes buy gift cards, and then wire remaining money back to the suspect.

The fake check is not immediately detected by banks and shows that it is processing. Victims continue to follow instructions of sending money/goods. Victim later finds out that the bank rejected the check and Victim has used their own legitimate funds to send money to the Suspect.

Scammers typically use false e-mail addresses and texts.

CAMPUS COMMUNITY ONLINE FRAUD TIPS FROM UC DAVIS POLICE
- Don’t give personal information – people may be posing as government officials (IRS) or a trusted company (banks, Apple, etc.)
- Don’t deposit checks received and wire money back as requested by alleged employer.
  - The received check is likely fake and takes days for banks to process and catch that it’s fake.
- Consider how you are paying someone.
  - Wiring money (Western Union or MoneyGram) and gift cards are not protected moneys and are difficult to track.
  - Credit cards have fraud protection
- Be careful of clicking unexpected links received via e-mail and text.
  - Do online searches of the company or messages you received.
- If it’s too good to be true, it probably is.

If you would like further information about UC Davis Police Department resources please feel free to visit our website at https://police.ucdavis.edu

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