MONTEREY POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Fraudulent Scam

On April 21, 2009, a resident of Monterey contacted the Police Department after receiving a letter advising that they had won $450,000 in an international sweepstakes contest. Enclosed with the letter was a check for $4800 that was to be used to pay for "taxes" incurred for winning the prize. The check was made out to a person purported to be the recipient's "tax agent" in Canada, presumably the person who would oversee the payment of the taxes. The recipient was instructed to call another person, their "claims agent" in Canada, before using the check. It is believed that the "claims agent" would try to obtain personal information from the recipient, to include a bank account or credit card number.

The Monterey Police believes this is a fraudulent scheme and wishes to remind everyone that offers like this should be viewed as to good to be true. We recommend that anyone receiving an offer like this conduct research on the internet to see if there is information identifying the offer as fraudulent. When in doubt, a report should be filed with their local police department.

For further information, please contact Sergeant Frank Russo at 831.646.3819.

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ALLSTATE FINANCIAL SERVICES.

305 MAPLE BLVD. SYDNEY, NOVA SCOTIA, CANADA B5C 2M4

TELL: 1778-320-0027 CLAIM.NO.MA-586-423-WG

04/06/2009 WINNING NOTICE

We are please to inform you that you are one of the winners in the second category of the USA Mega (under the international Sweepstake) Draw held on Feb. 5th, 2009. The ENTRY SLIP with serial number 3874501 attached to your name matched the first five lucky winning numbers 35-21-30-65-47 and subsequently won US $450,000.00 (FOUR HUNDRED AND FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS).

Allstate financial services have been assigned by the international sweepstake organization to inform the winners and pay them off their winnings. Payment will be made by a CERTIFIED CHECK, which will be delivered by our special courier company.
Enclosed is a check in the amount of US $4,800.00 which is provided to you to help you pay for the taxes and it is payable to your tax agent.
TAX AGENT: SARAH HUDSPETH, 401 Harvard St. Sydney, Nova Scotia Canada.
TAX AMOUNT: $3,650.00 US DOLLARS
PAYMENT METHOD: MONEY GRAM.

You are advised to contact your **claims agent: Jim Morris @ 1778-320-0027**
Monday-Friday: 10am-5pm to start your claim processing and to activate your check.
NOTE: Please do not act on this notice until you contact your claims agent to avoid cases of misappropriation and mishandling of prize monies.

We are very please and excited for you,

Carolyn Myers (Promotions Manager)

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Please Sign and detach to give to our representative after you receive your check of $450,000.00
Yes, I am the person mentioned on the check and my name, address and personal information is correct.
Yes, I am the person mentioned on the check but my personal information is not correct.
First Name: ---------- Last Name: ----------
Address: ----------

Please sign here .....
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