

CLEBURNE POLICE DEPARTMENT
MEDIA INFORMATION

The Cleburne Police Department released a warning to our business recently concerning out of state suspects who were using stolen credit cards to make large purchases. We have recently seen a new twist on this crime and want to pass it along. Luckily no one locally has fallen for the scheme.

Earlier this month, a local business received an internet order for \$280,000 worth of recreational equipment. The order wanted the items shipped overseas. Payment was received in the form of a check that was delivered to the business. The business did not ship the items and contacted police. The check was found to be fraudulent.

During the investigation, detectives contacted US Customs and Border Protection. The scam was fully revealed by their agents. The suspects will place large orders and request overseas shipment of the goods. The suspects send a check covering the full cost of the equipment and request to be notified when the check is deposited. The suspects then call and cancel the order and request reimbursement. If the business owner hesitates, the actors pressure them citing a nonexistent law that requires the reimbursement be made within 72 hours.

We caution our citizens and business owners to pay careful attention to situations of this type. If anyone has any questions, they are encouraged to contact the appropriate law enforcement agency.