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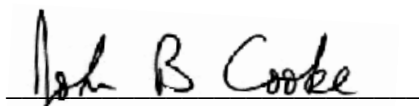
CHAIN LETTER SCAM ARRIVES IN WELD COUNTY

Greeley, Colo. – The Weld County Sheriff's Office wants to inform you of a new twist on an old scam. A citizen in Evans received a chain letter which seemed suspicious, and too good to be true. She suspected the letter might be a scam and gave it to the sheriff's office.

A popular chain letter promising big money if you simply follow the instructions was received by a Weld County resident recently. Variations of the letter are in circulation but generally the recipient is told to send a small amount of money to a few names included with the letter. The letter then provides instructions on how to obtain addresses from a marketing company for a small fee. After adding your name to the list you are instructed to make copies and mail them out with the same instructions to the addresses from the marketing company. This particular letter was five pages in length and included testimonials along with a letter from an attorney who said this was a legal program.

Unfortunately this type of scam is known as a chain letter and is illegal. More information is available at the US Postal Inspection Service website: <http://alturl.com/3tr3>

If you receive a letter that asks for money or other items of value, or you suspect might be illegal, the US Postal Inspection Service asks that you give it to your local postmaster or nearest Postal Inspector. Write on the mailing envelope of the letter or in a separate transmittal letter, "I received this in the mail and believe it may be illegal."


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