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**NEWEST SCAM UNDER INVESTIGATION BY THE WESTTOWN-EAST
GOSHEN REGIONAL POLICE DEPARTMENT INVOLVES FRAUDULENT
“NOTICE OF INFRACTION” LETTERS DELIVERED TO WESTTOWN
RESIDENTS**

UPDATED PRESS RELEASE-INDIVIDUAL IDENTIFIED IS FRAUD SCHEME

March 20, 2017

The Westtown-East Goshen Regional Police Department is actively investigating a series of “Notice of Infraction” letters that were placed in mailboxes on March 20, 2017 in the Pleasant Grove section of Westtown Township, Chester County, PA.

At the time of this press release the police department is looking into four different cases where residents received a one page notice in their mailbox informing the resident that a vehicle owned by the resident was captured on camera speeding on East Pleasant Grove Road and that a fine of \$96.00 dollars must be paid in cash by March 26, 2017. This notice included a photograph of the resident’s vehicle along with the property owner’s last name and complete mailing address. The notice directs the individual to leave the cash in their mailbox and send a notification e-mail to report the payment is ready for pick-up. The header of the notice includes the likeness of the Westtown Township seal and the name “Westtown Township West Chester Police Department”. The known victims live on Dodgson Road, Cockburn Drive and Lofting Lane in Pleasant Grove.

The Westtown-East Goshen Regional Police Department does not send speeding violations in this format and does not collect cash for traffic violations. The only violations handled through the mail would come from a Magisterial District Court unless the violation is parking and an Officer would leave a yellow ticket on the vehicle involved in the parking violation.

In each of the four cases, police have determined that the photograph of the victim’s vehicle was taken while the vehicle was unoccupied and parked in the driveway at the residence. Detectives are working to identify and arrest the individuals responsible for this scam. The individual responsible for delivering these notices on March 20, 2017 may have been on a bicycle to deliver the notices.

If you have received one of these violations, please contact the Westtown-East Goshen Regional Police Department at 610-692-5100. A resident with home video surveillance that may have captured the offender is also urged to contact the police department with any available information.



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UPDATED INFORMATION

As a result of an investigation by the Westtown-East Goshen Regional Police Department, the individual that created the "Notice of Infraction" letters and distributed them through the Pleasant Grove Development, has been identified as a result of community notification system through the Chester County Department of Emergency Services Reverse 911 program. A message was sent to residents in the area of Pleasant Grove and a resident of Westtown Township received the notification. This resident located evidence within his residence that the fliers were printed in the home. The resident determined that his 16 year old son had produced the notices that were distributed earlier in the day.

The 16 year old and his family are cooperating with police and the appropriate charges will be filed with the Chester County Juvenile Probation Department at the conclusion of the ongoing criminal investigation.

The police department would like to thank the Chester County Department of Emergency Services, news media as well as the Pleasant Grove Community with the assistance on this case.

William Cahill
Detective/Lieutenant

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