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The Eureka Police Department wants to alert the public about yet another scam out there. Last week, a Eureka citizen received an overnight FedEx delivery of a check made out to her in the amount of \$1, 950.00. The return address on the FedEx package and the check were from legitimate businesses located on the East Coast. However, the name of the business on the FedEx envelope's return address was different from the name of the business and address that was printed on the check. The citizen was not expecting a check from the business. She believed it to be a fraudulent check and turned it into Eureka Police Department.

An EPD investigator contacted the business listed on the FedEx envelope and learned that their FedEx information had been stolen and was being used to send out packages. FedEx had taken a report and was looking into the theft of the account information.

EPD also contacted the business listed on the check and learned they had been involved in a fraudulent check scam where their business name was being used on forged checks. While it is not yet clear what or how the suspect(s) hoped to gain through this scheme, EPD encourages the public to be alert and not to cash any checks they are not expecting to receive.

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