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PRESS RELEASE

06/11/2010 - Seneca County Sheriff Jack Stenberg reports a fraud case that involved a business in the Village of Interlaken. Investigation revealed a "MYSTERY SHOPPER" scam. A package was mailed to an individual in Lost Nation, Iowa offering the subject a job as a "Mystery Shopper" The subject was given a business check from a Village of Interlaken business for \$3995.00 and was instructed to cash the check at a local bank as a quality control measure. After deducting a \$450.00 personal fee the subject was to wire the remaining money to a location in Atlanta Georgia. It was found that the check was fraudulent. Further investigation showed that several fraudulent checks—all from the same business—were cashed in: Iowa, California, Illinois, Texas, Kansas, Florida, Connecticut, Arizona and, Georgia. It is suspected that the fraudulent checks were copied from a pilfered actual check without the business's knowledge. The Sheriff's Office is continuing to work with the U.S. Postal Inspector's Office, the Seneca County D.A.'s office and other police departments on this matter.

Sheriff Stenberg advises that all citizens should be aware of this scam and report any questionable practices like this immediately to law enforcement. "If it sounds too good to be true then it probably is.", said Stenberg.