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The Garden City Police Department would like to remind all residents of Garden City and Finney County to be aware of the increasingly popular financial scams.

Citizen inquiries and officer reports are on the rise in reference to the multitude of lottery, work at home and secret shopper scams. In lottery scams, individuals are contacted and told they have won a substantial amount of money in a lottery they never entered or have ever heard of. Individuals are then sent money in the form of a counterfeit check and asked to send a portion of the money back to cover taxes and processing fees. Legitimate lotteries will never ask you to send fees back to them after you receive your check.

Other common scams that come from the Internet are the work at home and secret shopper scams. Both scams are similar in they require individuals to perform a small task or tasks to get paid. Again, counterfeit checks are sent to individuals with instructions to cash the check, keep a portion of it and wire the rest to the employer. This scam uses money orders in the same way.

The Garden City Police Department reminds all citizens of the saying, "If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is." If anyone receives scams of this nature, please check it out before you become the next victim.

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