

**CLERY TIMLEY WARNING 6-15**

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**Internet E-Mail Scam**

The University of Missouri-St. Louis Police Department would like you to be aware of an Internet E-Mail scam focusing on University students. In the scam, an e-mail is sent to numerous student e-mail accounts offering part time employment in which the student can earn money being a bookkeeper/ funds processor.

When the student responds to the e-mail, the person committing the scam advises the student that they can earn \$250.00 a week as the bookkeeper for his business. The student would receive funds from this person then pay them out to various manufacturers / beneficiaries as instructed by the person committing the scam.

The student is requested to send a resume, along with the name of their bank, bank account number and bank routing number. They are asked how their name appears on their account and are requested to send a copy of their photo ID. for employment. The person committing the scam requests them to set up separate e-mail accounts to stay in touch with him. The person then sends funds to the victim's bank account and asks them to disperse the funds to other parties. After several of these transactions the funds the student receives become fraudulent, at which time any dispersal of funds from the victim's account are actually the victim's money, thus causing a loss to that person.

If you receive an e-mail of this nature, do not respond and immediately delete it and / or contact the Missouri Attorney General for guidance. They can be reached at [ago.mo.gov](http://ago.mo.gov) or by phone at 573.751.3321.

Don't hesitate to contact the UMSL Police Department at 314.516.5155 with questions or concerns about email or internet fraud

**Tips to avoid scams**

- Be skeptical of any unsolicited phone calls, e-mails or personal visits from strangers about investments.
- Don't do business with a faceless person over the phone or internet.
- Work with companies that are known or recommended by someone you trust.
- Check out the company with the Securities Division of the Secretary of State's Office, 800.721.7996. All securities brokers and securities sold in Missouri (unless exempted by statute) must be registered.
- Ask the salesperson to send literature about the firm. Do not be swayed by glossy brochures some con artists produce. Also, ask for a written proposal describing conditions of the contract and a form outlining the investment risks.
- Get a second opinion on the purchase, opportunity or investment from your lawyer, Stockbroker, accountant or other qualified expert.

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<http://safety.umsl.edu/police/safety/safety-tips.html>)

