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(Cashier's Check Scam)

On February 1, 2016, the Thurmont Police Department began to investigate a suspicious financial transaction. The investigator learned that a local establishment received a Cashier's check from American Heritage Federal Credit Union for pre-payment of services. The recipient became suspicious of the funds when the check was written for more funds than were required. Further investigation revealed that the Cashier's check was a scam and that over 400 of these same Cashier's checks from American Heritage have been compromised. The corresponding party involved with these funds directed the local recipient to obtain two (2) Money Orders for \$1500 each and send them to a third party travel agent. The suspect also represented themselves as an employee from Britwell Food Limited in Philadelphia, and that they were living in London, England and preparing to travel to Thurmont, Maryland. Such elaborate schemes are typical of a scam, and as in this case, should always be forwarded to local authorities for investigation.

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