

# **DON'T BE THE VICTIM OF A RESHIPPING SCAM!**

Have you been asked to receive packages at your home or business and ship them to someone else? Postal Inspectors advise:

**Don't do it!**

## **WHAT IS A RESHIPPING SCAM?**

Reshipping scams are a hot trend targeting people who visit job sites, dating sites, and chat rooms. You'll find reshipping scams disguised as bogus work-at-home offers, fake "sweethearts" who need your help, and charities asking you to donate to their cause — in Europe or Africa.

## **WHY IS RESHIPPING A PROBLEM?**

These complex scams usually involve several crimes. Some criminals purchase merchandise with stolen credit cards and

need your help to smuggle the goods out of the country. Others send you counterfeit money orders or checks and ask you to reship them to another address. You'll be given counterfeit postage to reship the illegal items.

## **RESHIPPING IS A CRIME!**

You're committing several felonies when you help these criminals. And even if you don't get caught, it's likely you'll lose a lot of money. When they send you a money order or check for payment, you're told to deposit it, keep a portion, and wire the remaining amount elsewhere.

**Postal Inspectors warn:**

**Make sure the money order or check is genuine before you deposit it.**

If your bank finds the money order or check is counterfeit, you may be liable for the full amount you deposited.

## **PROTECT YOURSELF FROM RESHIPPING SCAMS**

- Don't accept packages at your address for people you don't know.
- Don't accept calls from people who want you to reship their mail.
- If you've already received items from such an offer—don't mail them!
- Report suspected scams. Call Postal Inspectors at 1-877-876-2455 (press 5).