



**Office of the District Attorney
18th Judicial District
Consumer Fraud Protection**

*Happening In the District – Current
Trends*

Presented Winter 2021

Gift Card Payment Scams



Message Is Simple

**Gift Cards are for Gifts.
NOT for Payments!**

Campaign with Local Law Enforcement & Retailers

GIFT CARDS ARE FOR GIFTS NOT FOR PAYMENTS!!!



LEGITIMATE ORGANIZATIONS WILL NOT REQUEST OR INSIST ON PAYMENT VIA GIFT CARDS

Ask a store associate or call your local law enforcement agency for help



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Ask one of our Associates if you are being asked to purchase a Gift Card to make any kind of payment.

You may also contact your local law Enforcement Agency for assistance:

Douglas County Sheriff: 303-660-7500



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You may also contact your local law Enforcement Agency for assistance:

Parker Police Department: 303-841-9800



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Castle Rock Police Department: 303-663-6100



ARE YOU BEING SCAMMED?

IF YOU ARE BEING ASKED SOMETHING SIMILAR TO THE FOLLOWING...

Someone is telling you that you must pay a debt, bill, fine etc. using Gift Cards

A caller wants to remain on the phone with you while you purchase your Gift Cards

A caller is telling you to say your Gift Card purchases are for Gifts and not a payment

A caller wants you to provide them with the Gift Card number on the back of the card as soon as you purchase them

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WE ARE HERE TO HELP.



Amazon Customer Support Scams



More and more people and businesses are receiving calls and notifications from individuals claiming to be with Amazon customer support or Amazon security services.

Messages

Potential security breach

Fraudulent charge(s)

Unfulfilled order

Lost package

Order confirmation

"Your Amazon Account Is Locked - Order Is On Hold"

Are You the Victim of Unemployment Fraud?

If you received a **1099 Tax Form** but didn't file for unemployment in 2020, submit form to the Colorado Department of Labor & Employment - [Click Here](#) *(A corrected 1099 should be sent to you and the IRS by March.)*

If you received a **U.S. Bank ReliaCard** for unemployment benefits but didn't file a claim, submit a fraud report to the Colorado Department of Labor & Employment - [Click Here](#)

File a fraud report with U.S. Bank - [Click Here](#) or call 1-855-282-6161 to deactivate the card.
(US Bank is bank used to distribute unemployment benefits in Colorado.)

Contact the three Consumer Credit Bureaus and put a fraud and identity theft alert on your name and Social Security number:

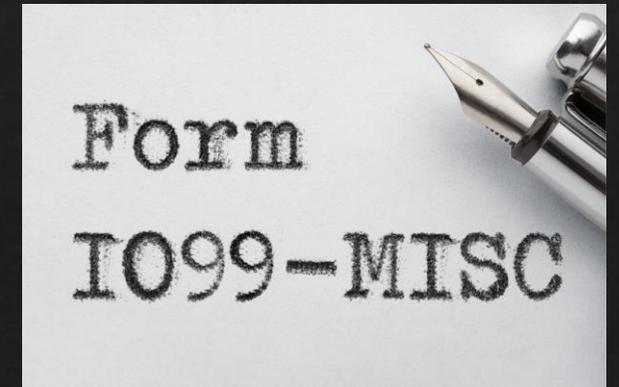
Equifax: 1-800-525-6285

Experian: 1-888-397-3742

TransUnion: 1-800-680-7289

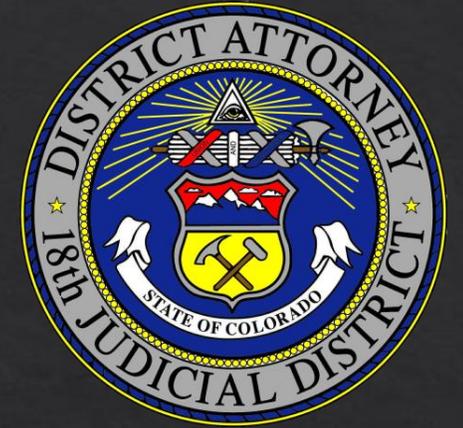
Visit www.annualcreditreport.com.

File a “counter report” with the Local Police Department to create a record.
Report identity theft to the Federal Trade Commission at www.identitytheft.gov.



Contact Info

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