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## Awareness Notification Bulletin

**\*\* Wednesday, November 12, 2008 \*\***

**\*\* Money Scam \*\***

The following article details a scam going around area Universities. Please be mindful of anyone who asks you to deposit or forward money on their behalf.

### *SIUC police issue warning about scam*

*By Pete Rosenbery 10/22/2008 14:10:34*

*CARBONDALE, Ill. -- The Southern Illinois University Carbondale Department of Public Safety is warning the community about a scam that appeared in a recent newspaper classified advertisement.*

*Police Sgt. David Stewart said an SIUC student lost more than \$2,000 after he responded to a classified advertisement that read: "My name is Debbie Mann with OWO Trading Store. Cashiers and receptionists are needed urgently." The ad included an e-mail address to respond to.*

*The student responded to the advertisement and received a Nigerian money-gram in return. The student cashed the money-gram at a local bank, then forwarded the funds in a money-gram to an individual in Nigeria as directed, Stewart said.*

*The local bank cashed the money-gram. The bank subsequently determined the check is worthless, and the student is responsible to the bank for the money he sent to Nigeria, Stewart said.*

*The Daily Egyptian student newspaper published the classified advertisement from Sept. 25 through Oct. 17. The advertisement no longer appears in the paper, Stewart said.*

*"Don't respond to anything like this," Stewart said. "If you receive a request to cash a check and send back money, don't respond because the requests are hoaxes. The money-gram you receive is not worth the paper it is printed on."*

<http://news.siu.edu/news/October08/102208par8140.html>

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Target: Students, Faculty & Staff

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