



## The Bank Examiner Scam

The bank examiner scam occurs when someone representing themselves as a bank official or a law enforcement officer tells you (the victim) they are working an investigation of thefts by bank personnel and need your help in catching the dishonest employee(s).

The victim is convinced to withdraw money and hand it over to the investigator to assist in this investigation. Sometimes the victim is told someone will stop by their house to pick up the money.

The investigator (thief) usually claims they need to take the money to have it checked for proper serial numbers, dusted for fingerprints or copied or various other reasons for removing it from the victim's possession. Occasionally the victim is asked to withdraw even more cash as additional evidence or for more testing. The thief promises to return the cash as soon as possible but he/she never returns. He or she and your cash are gone forever. Sometimes the thief will simply swap your cash for counterfeit cash without the victim's knowledge.



If you are approached by someone claiming to be a bank examiner or other official requesting you remove money from your account(s), call the police immediately. A real bank examiner will NEVER approach you outside of a bank and ask you to withdraw money for any reason! The elderly are the primary targets for this scam.