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Sheriff Seeking Assistance In Forgery Cases

Sheriff Greg Champagne reports that the St. Charles Parish Sheriff's Office is investigating several forgery cases in the Luling area. It appears that someone may have removed bill payments out of resident's mailboxes and then alter the "pay to the order of" section and dollar amount of the personal checks before cashing them. Unsuspecting victims are discovering the fraud when receiving their bank statements and then contacting their bank. The Sheriff's Office with the assistance of US Postal Inspectors is investigating these incidents. The locations from which checks have been removed from mailboxes include Barton Avenue, Davis Drive, Primrose, Lakewood, Cottage Drive, St. John and Apple Court.

Attached are pictures of a subject the Sheriff's Office needs help in identifying. He is a person of interest relating to these incidents. We are asking that anyone who may have information concerning these thefts or the identity of this subject to please contact Detective Joseph Dewhirst at 985-783-1135. Furthermore, anyone who might have home video surveillance cameras with a view of their mailbox or street should also contact The Sheriff's Office. In the meantime, it is suggested that residents may want to mail their bills at the post office rather than placing it in their home mailbox for pick up.



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