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## SCAM ALERT!



A Consumer Update from Mat Heck, Jr., Prosecuting Attorney



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### "The FedEx Scam"

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### **DON'T FALL FOR THE FedEx SCAM!**

This time of year, it's especially important to be aware of the ways thieves take advantage of victims.

With the holidays quickly approaching, the scammers are out in full force. The latest scam going around involves FedEx. Scammers are sending emails indicating that you have a package that cannot be delivered without a signature. These emails may or may not have a logo, are very generalized, and do not include information regarding what items are in the delivery.

The emails do, however, have a fake tracking number attached, which they ask you to click.

**DO NOT CLICK ON THE TRACKING NUMBER!**

The tracking number, when clicked, will direct you to a website which will infect your computer with a virus.



This scam could prove to be very successful due to people thinking that someone else may have sent them a gift without their knowledge. FedEx does not send unsolicited emails to customers. If a package delivery requires a signature, the delivery driver will leave a note at the delivery address.

### **WHAT TO DO:**

Write down the tracking number from the email. Then go to the official tracking page on the FedEx website, and enter the tracking number yourself. This will indicate to you whether or not the tracking number is fake or legitimate.

**IN THE EVENT YOU RECEIVE ONE OF THESE EMAILS, DELETE IT IMMEDIATELY, OR FORWARD IT TO [abuse@fedex.com](mailto:abuse@fedex.com).**

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The above ALERT is part of the Montgomery County Prosecuting Attorney's initiative to help citizens become aware of ways they can avoid becoming a victim, or ways they can help stop criminal activity that may be occurring. Upon request, the office can provide presentations on crime prevention actions and activities to halt crime and increase the quality of life in our community.

If you would like additional information on the above ALERT, or would like additional information regarding our programs to assist consumers in general and/or seniors in particular, please contact Kimberly Melnick, Supervising Attorney, Adult Protection Unit, or Anthony Schoen, Supervising Attorney, Fraud and Economic Crimes Unit at 937-225-5757.

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