01-24-2007 Counterfeit Check Lotto Scam Warning

Counterfeit Georgia Telco checks are being used in attempted lottery fraud. The victims report receiving a letter from Cadbury Lotto, Inc. out of Canada informing them that they have won \$300,000 in a lottery. A check is enclosed and the victim is instructed to immediately deposit the check in their account, then wire funds back to them to cover the taxes.

THIS IS A SCAM. THE CHECK IS COUNTERFEIT.

If you have received one of these lottery letters with a counterfeit Georgia Telco check, please contact Georgia Telco Security by **phone** at 404-881-2165 or toll free at 1-800-533-2062 Ext. 2165 or Ext. 9607 or **fax** to 404-881-2164 or **email** <u>security@gatelco.org</u>.

Additional information on counterfeit check and lottery scams may be found on the Federal Trade Commission's website at http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/edu/pubs/consumer/credit/cre40.htm