

# DON'T BE THE **VICTIM** OF A RESHIPPING **SCAM!**

Have you been asked to receive packages at your home or business and mail them to someone else? Postal Inspectors advise: **Don't do it!**

Criminals use a variety of come-ons to trick people into reshipping fraud. See if you recognize one of these scenarios:

## Work-at-Home Scams

Criminals post phony job announcements on Internet career sites offering positions such as "merchandising manager," "package processing assistant," or a similar title. Job duties include receiving packages and remailing them to a foreign address on behalf of a client. They may even send you postage-paid mailing labels.

Here's a sample reshipping job offer:

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### **WANTED!**

Packaging processing manager needed (Job #1852)

**MAIL PACKAGES** from home without leaving your current job. Easy! Ship parcels from our clients. Get paid \$24 per parcel. Info at our corporate Web site: [www.internationalcargo-logisticsmanagement.buz/vacancies/](http://www.internationalcargo-logisticsmanagement.buz/vacancies/)

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The real story? A criminal has purchased merchandise with stolen credit cards and needs your help to smuggle the goods out of the country. The company



is fake — even the mailing labels are phony. And you are committing a felony when you help these criminals.

## **Sweetheart Scams**

Fraudulent reshippers also lurk on dating Web sites. They send a few e-mails to get to know you and may even send a photo or flowers. Once they have your attention, they ask you to help their business or family by shipping packages to Europe or Africa. They may even claim to be working with a charity or mission and request help in getting “donated” merchandise delivered to Africa or another part of the world.

The real story? Even the photo is a fake — and could be the picture of your worst nightmare.

## **Postage-Paid Label Scams**

Closely related to reshipping scams are postage-paid label scams. Criminals in this group buy your item at an Internet auction or from a classified ad. They ask if they can provide you with a postage-paid shipping label instead of sending you money for postage. If you agree, you receive a label that looks like the real thing.

The full story? The label is either a fake or was bought with a stolen credit card. And if you use phony postage — whether or not you know it — you’re taking part in a felony.

When Postal Inspectors or other law enforcement officers track the return address from a phony postage label, the address too often leads them to an unsuspecting victim of a postage-paid label scam. And if that’s not bad enough, you find out — too late — the scammer used a phony credit card or online account to pay for your item.