

## Local Businesses be aware!!!

SCAM ALERT

Small businesses (food industry) have been receiving emails from unknown persons(s) asking for a copy of their takeout food menu so that they can place a large take-out order.

The unknown person(s) claim to be a small health volunteer group, "who are assisting health volunteer workers fighting against the dreadful outbreak of COVID 19."

The unknown person(s) then provides the business with a credit card number to process the amount of the take-out however are requesting the small business deduct more than the actual amount of the take-out order.

For example, the amount for a takeout order was approximately \$2800 in which the small business was advised to take \$5000 off the credit card provided over the phone. (difference of \$2200)

The culprit(s) then advises that a driver will pick up the takeout order on a certain date along with the difference of the money in cash.

Fraudulent credit cards are being used to pay for the requested takeout orders. Should you fall victim to this scam, contact Police and your debit machine provider so they can give instruction on how to reverse the transaction without any loss.

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