

***** SECURITY NOTICE *****

Job Interview Scams

Please be advised that as a job seeker, you should be vigilant when seeking employment online. If any employment opportunity is offered to you online, please be sure to carefully read the email and research the business where the offer originates.

Unfortunately, there are criminal schemes that attempt to present themselves as job opportunities to prospective job seekers. These job scams often involve a period of online (chat) interviews that ultimately involve the victims receiving and cashing fraudulent checks, transferring illegally obtained funds for criminals, or receiving stolen merchandise and shipping the merchandise to the criminals under the pretense of legitimate employment. Victims are often told they will be compensated with a portion of the illegally obtained merchandise or funds.

Most legitimate employers will require you to complete a phased interview process that will require an in person interview. Legitimate employers will have contact telephone numbers. Be wary of "Work-at-home" job offers. If you ever receive an email similar to the **example provided below**, it is advised that you do not respond to this type of offer as it is in all likelihood a job scam used to capture information about you and in some cases make you a victim or an accomplice of the scheme.

----- Forwarded Message -----

From: "Head of Operation" <hiredeskonline@[deleted].com>

Sent: Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Subject: Job Interview Notification

Dear Applicant

Your Resume has been reviewed at <http://web.detma.org> and forwarded to the Head of Operation Mr. Harry Thomas. He would like to conduct an online interview with you On Thursday, September 24th, 2010 between 11:00AM -3:00 PM EST to discuss more about the Job Position of a Account Clerk position that you are yet to occupy.

Set Up a Screen name with the yahoo Instant Messenger online at www.messenger.yahoo.com and add up the Head of Operation screen name: hthomasxxx to you buddy list.

**His Screen Name with Yahoo Instant Messenger is: hthomasxxx
I Wish you the best of Luck on the Interview. If you have any problem,
Please feel free to email back.**

**Lisette Torres
Human Resource Dept.**

The best advice is to use common sense in protecting your personal information when looking for new job opportunities. Remember that if the job interview and offer is done completely online and seems too good to be true, it may very well be a job scam.