

# **Pigeon Drop**

The swindlers claim to have found a large sum of money and offer to share it with you. You are asked to withdraw "good faith" money from your bank. The swindlers take the "good faith" money and give you a phony address where you are to collect your share of the found money. You never see or hear from them again.

## **Prevention Tips**

- Avoid rushing into something involving your money or property.
- Be wary of "something-for-nothing" or "get-rich-quick" schemes.
- Never turn over any sum of cash to anyone, especially a stranger, no matter how promising the deal looks. If it's too good to be true it probably is.

# **Bank Inspector Fraud**

The phony bank inspector contacts you and asks for your help in catching a dishonest bank employee. You are asked to withdraw a specified amount of cash from your account so that the inspector may check the serial numbers. After turning over your money, you never hear from the inspector again.

## **Prevention Tips**

- DO NOT give out financial or personal information over the telephone or internet.
- Hang up the telephone. Immediately dial \*69 on your touch-tone telephone, or 1169 on your rotary telephone. This will give you the information on who just called you. Be sure to write it down.
- Immediately call your bank manager or someone known to you at your bank and notify him/her of what has happened.
- Contact your local police and report this incident.