

Don't Fall for "Get Paid to Drive" Car Wrap Scams



The gist of this scam is: scammers send emails and post to social media and job boards messages like “GET PAID TO DRIVE.” They offer to pay you up to \$700 a week if you’ll drive around with your auto wrapped to advertise a well-known product. But they’re not really affiliated with the brand. **They just want your money.**

If you message them back, they’ll send you a check to deposit into your account. **Then,** they’ll say to use some of that money to pay their “decal agent” to put the ads on your car. They’ll tell you to pay by money order, Walmart money services, or by making a cash deposit directly into the decal agent’s bank account — all ways that are hard to cancel or get your money back.

So what’s really going on? Well, the “decal agent” is really the scammer. And that check you just deposited? That was fake — which means the money you sent is coming out of your own pocket. So, if you deposited a \$1,500 check and sent \$500 to the “decal agent,” you’re out \$500 of your own money. (And you don’t get to keep that \$1,000, either.)

If you receive a check in the mail, and the sender asks you to send funds somewhere else, **it is a scam.** Just because the check has cleared your account doesn’t mean it’s good. To protect yourself, be wary and talk to us about any checks you received for deposit that you are not sure about or checks from complete strangers. Call us at 954-335-5100. Option 2.

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