

**Subject:** Scam Alert

**Importance:** High

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The Longwood University Police Department is currently investigating a fraud case related to the scam listed below. Hackers were able to penetrate a website that Longwood University uses, Career Connect, to help students find jobs. All students that had applied through that site were notified and the posting was taken down. If you were contacted by these people please notify the Longwood University Campus Police Department at 434-\*\*\*-\*\*\*\* or your local police department.

**SCAM ALERT/Identity Theft:** Looking for a job opportunity? Beware of web sites that assure you of a job. They may ask you to fill out an application which gives them your *detailed* personal information. This makes you vulnerable to identity theft! Some scams may include a check to you for \$1000 – \$2000 which you will be instructed to deposit into your checking account. Once deposited, it takes days for this check to clear through the bank. During this waiting period, they will then instruct you to write a personal check and send them a percentage of the amount that they sent you. **This is a SCAM!** If you send a personal check, they will take your personal check and cash it. The check they sent you will *never clear*, leaving you out of cash with nothing in return. Please be aware of any site that attempts to take your money or asks for your personal information on an application. No company willing to hire you will send you money in advance OR ask you to pay a percentage just to fill out an application. If this does happen to you, please alert the Longwood Police Department so that we can report the website to authorities. You can also file a complaint at the Internet Complaint Center ([www.ic3.gov](http://www.ic3.gov)), too. The Better Business Bureau's top ten scams are on their website at [www.bbb.org](http://www.bbb.org). Longwood students....DON'T BE A VICTIM OF A SCAM!

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