

POLICE DEPARTMENT OF SWATARA TOWNSHIP

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PRESS RELEASE

Three arrested in check scam – 23 May 2007

On 22 May 2007, the Swatara Township Police Department became aware of three males who had approached an individual asking for help in cashing checks. The males told the victim they didn't have identification so they couldn't cash the checks themselves. They promised some of the money if the victim helped them. At first, the victim agreed and was able to cash the checks and received part of the money but became suspicious of the males and questioned the authenticity of the checks. The victim came to the police for help. The checks were verified to be fraudulent. The following day the victim received a phone call from the males requesting assistance with another check. With police present, a location to meet was agreed upon over the phone and when the three males arrived they were taken into custody without incident.

The three suspects were not cooperative with their identification and had to be identified using their fingerprints. Police do not believe the three are from the area and may be from Virginia or North Carolina. The three were charged with Forgery, Identity Theft, Theft by Deception and Criminal Conspiracy. They were identified as George Brown, Sam Cherry and Anthony Woods. Brown was found to be wanted by Morgan County Indiana Sheriff's Department for felony theft charges.



Brown

Cherry

Woods

Anyone with information related to this incident are asked to contact the Swatara Township Police Department at 564-2550.