### HOMELAND SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS



# S.T.O.P. COVID-19 FRAUD STRATEGIC TARGETED OUTREACH PROGRAM

## Recognize - Protect - Report COVID-19 Crime





#### **DID YOU** KNOW?

Thousands of COVID-19 related web domains have been identified as fraudulent.

## **Recognize - Protect - Report** Online Crime

#### FOR SECURE ONLINE SHOPPING

- DO NOT CLICK ON UNSOLICITED EMAILS OR TEXTS.
- **ENSURE A SECURE BROWSER CONNECTION: HTTPS** ONLY.
- VERIFY WEBSITE TRUST SEALS BEFORE PLACING AN ORDER.
- **OFFICIAL U.S. GOVERNMENT WEBSITES END IN .GOV INSPECT THE URL OF THE WEBSITE AND VERIFY THE DESTINATION.**

#### **ONLINE SHOPPING TIPS**

- **IF A DEAL SEEMS TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE, IT PROBABLY** IS.
- **BE AWARE OF PRICE GOUGING.**
- VERIFY PURCHASES ARE FROM LEGITIMATE, TRUSTED SOURCES.
- REPORT COVID-19 FRAUD TO COVID19FRAUD@DHS.GOV.







#### **DID YOU** KNOW?

Government agencies will not contact anyone to verify or expedite payments.

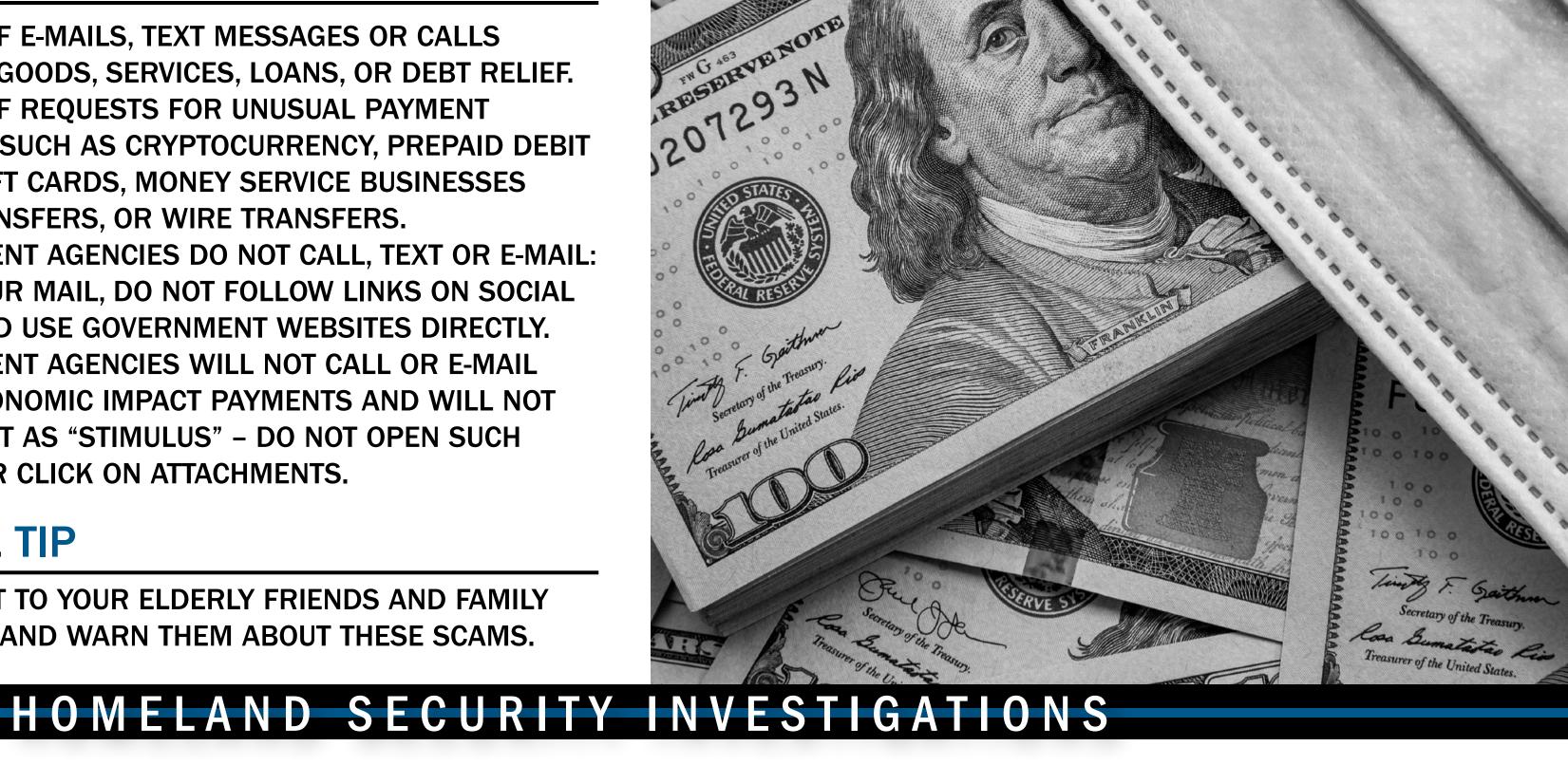
## **Recognize - Protect - Report** Financial Scams

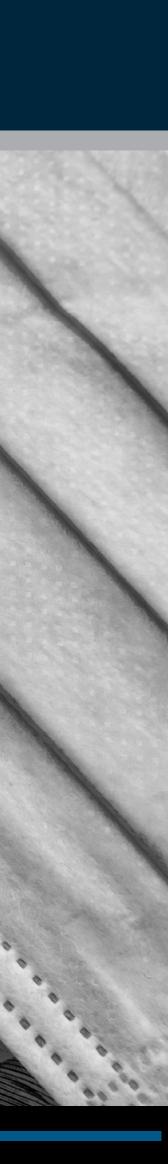
### FINANCIAL RED FLAGS RELATED TO COVID-19

- **BEWARE OF E-MAILS, TEXT MESSAGES OR CALLS** OFFERING GOODS, SERVICES, LOANS, OR DEBT RELIEF.
- **BEWARE OF REQUESTS FOR UNUSUAL PAYMENT** METHODS, SUCH AS CRYPTOCURRENCY, PREPAID DEBIT CARDS, GIFT CARDS, MONEY SERVICE BUSINESSES (MSB) TRANSFERS, OR WIRE TRANSFERS.
- **GOVERNMENT AGENCIES DO NOT CALL, TEXT OR E-MAIL:** CHECK YOUR MAIL, DO NOT FOLLOW LINKS ON SOCIAL MEDIA, AND USE GOVERNMENT WEBSITES DIRECTLY.
- **GOVERNMENT AGENCIES WILL NOT CALL OR E-MAIL** ABOUT ECONOMIC IMPACT PAYMENTS AND WILL NOT **REFER TO IT AS "STIMULUS" – DO NOT OPEN SUCH E-MAILS OR CLICK ON ATTACHMENTS.**

### FINANCIAL TIP

**REACH OUT TO YOUR ELDERLY FRIENDS AND FAMILY** MEMBERS AND WARN THEM ABOUT THESE SCAMS.







#### **DID YOU** KNOW?

Bad actors often advertise using photos stolen from legitimate websites to deceive consumers.

## **Recognize - Protect - Report** | **Prohibited Items**

### PROHIBITED PHARMACEUTICALS AND **MEDICAL DEVICES RED FLAGS**

- **BEWARE OF WEBSITES OR INDIVIDUALS SELLING**  $\mathbf{X}$ **PRODUCTS CLAIMING TO PREVENT, TREAT, DIAGNOSE OR** CURE COVID-19.
- **BEWARE OF INDIVIDUALS REQUESTING PERSONAL OR** X **BANKING INFORMATION IN EXCHANGE FOR COVID-19 PRODUCTS.**
- BEWARE OF PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCT INFORMATION WRITTEN IN A FOREIGN LANGUAGE OR WITH **MISSPELLINGS.**
- DO NOT BUY PRESCRIPTION PHARMACEUTICALS FROM THIRD PARTY MARKETPLACES OR SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS.

#### **PROHIBITED ITEMS TIP**

**ENSURE YOUR ONLINE PHARMACY IS CERTIFIED BY** CHECKING: WWW.SAFEMEDSONLINE.ORG.





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# FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE VISIT WWW.ICE.GOV

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U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement

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