



## *Sidney Police Department*

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### **PRESS RELEASE FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Press Release #: General 12-2**

**Date: 06/15/2012**

The Sidney Police Department has received a report of citizens possibly receiving Sweepstakes scam letters via mail. This particular scam involves the target being sent an “Official Notice” that they have won a Sweepstakes. The letter states that a third party financial institution has been employed to distribute the Sweepstakes winnings to the target by certified check. The letter goes on to state that there is a “processing fee” (usually \$3,000.00 to \$5,000.00) that must be paid to the third party. A realistic looking but bogus check made out to the target for an amount slightly more than the processing fee is included with the letter. Targets are instructed to call a claim agent and provided a phone number or email. The letter instructs the target to contact the claim agent prior to cashing the enclosed check.

The enclosed check is very realistic looking and usually bears the name and address of an actual company but uses bogus routing and account numbers. The scammers instruct the target to cash the check and then send the “processing fee” to an account number via Western Union or some other form of wire service. If the target cashes the bogus check and sends the “processing fee”, by the time the target’s bank finds out the check is bogus, the “processing fee” has already been sent and is irretrievable, leaving the target financially responsible for the full amount of the bogus check.

The public is cautioned to be wary of any Sweepstakes notifications that request/require some form of processing fee or require any monetary outlay on the part of the “winner”. Remember, if something seems too good to be true, it probably is.

Attachments: Copy of bogus check & Sweepstakes Notification

**Location: Sidney, Nebraska**  
**Authority: Chief Mike Brown**

Contact: Chief Mike Brown – 308-254-7846

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DATE: 06/06/2012

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# COASTCAPITAL FINANCIAL SERVICES

1330 Lonsdale Street Los Angeles CA 90015

06/06/2012

TEL: 1604-805-8458

CLAIM NO: GF-025-431-WR

We are pleased to bring this official notice which confirms that you are a 2<sup>nd</sup> prize winner in the second category of the USA Mega (under the international Sweepstake) draw held on may10<sup>th</sup>, 2012. The serial number **2923534** attached to your name matched the first five lucky winning numbers **51-20-26-37-40** and subsequently won **\$245,000.00 (TWO HUNDRED AND FOURTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS)**.

Coastcapital financial services have been assigned by the international sweepstake organization to inform the winners and pay them off their winnings. Payment will be made by a **CERTIFIED CHECK**, which will be delivered by our special courier company. Enclosed is a check in the amount of **\$4,685.00** which is provided to help you pay for the processing fee.

**PROCESSING FEE: \$3,950.00 DOLLARS.**

You are advised to contact your **claim agent: Allen Johnson @ 1604-805-8458**  
Monday-Friday: 10am-5pm and Saturdays 10am-1pm to start your claim processing and to activate your check.

**NOTE:** Please do not act on this notice until you contact your claim agent to avoid cases of misappropriation and mishandling of winning.

We are very pleased and excited for you.

Paul Morgan  
Promotion Manager.

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Please Sign and detach this part to give to our representative after you receive the rest of your check of \$245,000.00

Yes, I am the person mentioned on the check and my name, address and personal information is correct.

**First Name:** ----- **Last Name:** -----

**Address:** -----  
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**Please sign here** .....

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