



# WIC FRAUD ALERT

Counterfeit checks have appeared in and around Canarsie, Brownsville, East NY, South Richmond Hill, South Jamaica and Woodhaven. While these are excellent copies they are not perfect and, when compared with real WIC checks, you will see at least some of the following defects:

Smaller from top to bottom (1/8th to 3/16ths of an inch)/ No perforated edge at top or bottom  
Thicker paper stock/ "State of New York" is noticeably bolder and the letters appear to bleed  
Shaded areas do not have the same background pattern as the rest of the check  
Watermark on back of check is much more easily seen

Bad checks received so far (Counterfeiters may easily change any the following):

Participant surname: Burns...Williams...Eastin WIC ID#: 45820319...48723321...32962520  
Food: 3 12.5 Ounces Powder Enfamil PREMIUM Infant Not to exceed: \$48.45  
Agency: 301- Elmhurst General Hospital...282- Queens General Hospital...321- Brookdale Hospital  
Check#: 355792986-3...355792987-2...355792988-1...407821105-2,3,4,5...538791501-8  
538791502-7...538791503-6...538791504-5...538791505-4

Probable perpetrators:



Hispanic Female



African-American Female

If possible try to keep the checks and any store surveillance tape of individuals passing checks. Handle checks as little as possible and call Supv. Investigator Ron Davis of the Bureau of Special Investigations @ 1 (212) 383-4660.