



## Economic Crimes

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**Fraud-Scam Alert**

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### Door-to-door "charity" scam

Arlington police warn about a door-to-door salesman scam. Instances have occurred in Arlington.

#### Basic Scam Information:

- Salesman/suspect, possibly a young man, states that he is a UTA student selling magazine subscriptions and tax-deductible gifts for local charities
- Salesman/suspect states that victims can purchase a tax-deductible gift box of children's books to be sent to a charity of choice, such as the Arlington Women's Shelter
- Receipt lists a for-profit Georgia company, not any of the charities mentioned

#### What can happen:

- Victim may lose money intended for a charity
- Personal information can be revealed

#### Avoid becoming a victim:

- Do not engage in suspicious business transactions with unknown individuals
- Contact the police or business/agency in question when suspicious or unsure about questionable business actions
- Never provide personal information unless you have initiated the conversation and know with whom you are dealing