Man, 25, Defrauded in Money Transfer Scheme After Taking Job Through Craigslist

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A 25-year-old man who agreed to do some work as a personal assistant was defrauded when his "employer" bounced a check and disappeared.

The man, who works in an office building on Old Kings Highway South, told Darien police that he responded to an ad for a personal assistant and met his purported future employer at a park in Stamford.

The alleged fraudster, a white man in his late 50s or 60s and with a "European" accent, said he owned an online art gallery. When it came time to get paid, the man said he would send the 25-year-old a check for $2,640.30 and ask him to keep $400 of it and deposit the rest. This was done on Aug. 12.

By Aug. 18, the 25-year-old, a Stamford resident, was told by the bank, Bank of America in Darien, that the check was fraudulent. The suspect had also sent a $1,750 check, but that wasn't deposited.