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## 5) Items for sale overpayment scam

Hello Mr. (edited by Roadfly to protect identity),

Good to hear from you and thanks for the mail, my client who said he's interested in your vehicle has promised to be buying it and will be issuing a certified cashier's cheque of \$32,500 and you deduct the amount of your vehicle which is \$24,000 after which you will send the difference \$8,500 via Money Gram money transfer to my P.A here in Europe to settle our shipper to book us for their cargo and also pay for the insurance, she would be coming over to your place to pick the vehicle up and get it transported to the Europe and also to sign all require documents.

To bring to your attention, it only takes (24HRS) for a certified cashier's cheque to get cash in the US, so I will like you to get the cheque cashed the same day it's presented on the counter and I will also like to know if I can count on you to send the difference of the money to my P.A as soon as the cheque get to you and verified. To make things fast and convenient for the both of us, I will like you to give me the exact name you want on the check..... Your mailing address.... (Street, City, State and zip code) and your Phone # so I can forward it to my associate, so he could start with the procurement of the cheque and won't mind to engage in a long lasting business relationship.

Thanks and hope to hear from you soon.

Best Regard,

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This one involves an item you might have listed for sale such as a car, truck or some other expensive item. The scammer finds your ad and sends you an email offering to pay much more than your asking price. The reason for overpayment is supposedly related to the international fees to ship the car overseas. In return, you are to send him the car and the cash for the difference.

The money order you receive looks real so you deposit it into your account. In a couple of days (or the time it takes to clear) your bank informs you the money order was fake and demands you pay that amount back immediately.

In most documented versions of this money order scam, the money order was indeed an authentic document, but it was never authorized by the bank it was stolen from. In the case of cashier's checks, it is usually a convincing forgery. You have now lost the car, the cash you sent with the car, and you owe a hefty sum of money to your bank to cover for the bad money order or the fake cashier's check.