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The State College Police are reminding the public to be aware of "apartment/house for rent" money scams found on various Internet sites to include Craigslist and local online listings.

The State College Police have been receiving numerous reports from residents about rental properties in the Borough of State College. The perpetrator in several incidents identified himself as David CROWE and requested the victims pay several months' rent up front using prepaid Green Dot money cards.

What are Green Dot prepaid debit cards and how do they work?

- Prepaid debit card is a physical product that consumers can apply for online or pick-up from the prepaid section at various retailers nationwide. These cards are then activated by the consumer by phone or online.
- These products function like a debit card and can be used anywhere Visa/MasterCard is accepted, including mail order, over the phone and in store purchases.
- Customers can withdrawal cash for free at 22,000 MoneyPass ATMs nationwide.
- Reload methods may include: cash, direct deposit, MoneyPak, cashing a check or from another bank account.
- Customers cannot write and deposit checks directly from/to their accounts

The perpetrators are believed to be from out of the country and the State College Police are advising residents to be aware of such rental property scams in which the person(s) are requiring payment using Green Dot prepaid money cards. Residents and interested renters are encouraged to confirm all rental details in person and not provide any information about their financial information or submit any payment without proof positive verification.

Be aware of scams and be suspicious.

If you suspect you are the victim of a scam or if you have information concerning a scam, please contact State College Police at 814-234-7150 or submit an [anonymous tip](#) through the web. For

more information, contact the Consumer Protection Hotline of the Attorney General at 1-800-441-2555 or go to www.attorneygeneral.gov

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