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The Ministry of Social Development and Family Services advises grocery owners, shopkeepers, and supermarket managers, cashiers and staff of fraudulent activities involving counterfeit cheques being cashed using the following names and ID numbers:

Anthony Ali: 19551010012

Earnest Salandy: 19470617026

Eric James: 19560808029

John Charles: 19550719022

Steve Thompson: 19530403075

Paul Fortune: 19551919036

The names and ID numbers are being used by fraudsters to present counterfeit cheques and false identification for monetary gain.

The Ministry urges all establishments to exercise extreme vigilance when examining cheques and ID cards. Pay particular attention to the visual age of the individual presenting the cheque and ensure it aligns with the information on the ID card. Fraudsters often rely on discrepancies in appearance to carry out these schemes.

The Ministry remains committed to safeguarding public funds and appreciates the cooperation of all establishments in preventing fraudulent activities.

If you suspect fraudulent activity, immediately report the matter to the nearest police station or contact the Ministry's Investigation and Compliance Unit at 623-2862 Ext. 1800 or email info@social.gov.tt.

For further information about the Ministry's grants and services, persons are encouraged to visit the Ministry's website at <https://social.gov.tt/grants/> or call the MSDFS' Toll-Free hotline at 800-1MSD (1673).

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