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**Craigslist Fraud Alert**

Advertisements have been posted on Craigslist as part of member recruitment scams nationwide. The ads solicit current credit union members and offer \$75.00 or more for their assistance in gaining membership for ineligible individuals. This scam is targeting credit unions and members across the country.

The following are samples of Craigslist ads target credit union members for this recruitment scam: If you are an 'ABC Credit Union Member' MAKE SOME EXTRA \$\$."

"This is NOT a scam! I am willing to call you and discuss extensively! I need an 'ABC Credit Union Member' to sponsor me into the credit union. I am willing to pay \$100 USD for this service. Please email me and we can discuss this in detail. This is a 1 day process and I want to become a member for investment account/interest rate purposes."

"Need to find a XYZ Credit Union Member. I was just approved for a visa credit card with XYZ Federal Credit Union and they called me and said that they cannot process the application if I do not know any existing member or if I am not employed at one of the list of companies they have. To become a member you have to know a member. So now my app is on hold until I can find someone who is already a member. If you know someone, please tell them to contact me. I am willing to pay \$500. And all they ask for is the member's name and member number. Thanks."

"ABC and XYZ Members Needed!!! If you are an 'ABC or XYZ Federal Credit Union member,' we will pay you \$75.00 per member to sponsor other that, would like to join the credit union but do not meet the membership requirements. Please email for details."