

# Police catch check forging duo

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Northville Township Police are looking for a Detroit couple who allegedly duped about \$1,800 out of a Standard Federal bank.

Detective Michael Wildt of Northville Township Police, said warrants have been obtained from the Wayne County Prosecutor for the arrest of a 19-year-old male from Detroit and 23-year-old female from Detroit. Names are being withheld pending arraignment.

The two allegedly obtained a payroll account number of a Troy-based business and created fake checks with the information, Wildt said.

Surveillance cameras in the bank show the two cashing the checks, one for \$879 and the other for \$975, at Standard Federal, 39437 W. Six Mile Road on Feb. 25.

The thieves didn't make it hard for officials to identify them, Wildt said.

"They provided their identification to the tellers and also were clearly seen in the videotape," Wildt said.

The duo was charged with one count of uttering and publishing fraudulent material each.

The male faces up to 14 years in prison if convicted. The female, who is on probation from another fraud, faces up to 21 years and is being

charged as a habitual offender.

Wildt said police don't know how the two obtained the payroll account information about the Troy business.

However, he said, the case is an unfortunate reminder of how important it is to monitor all billing statements.

"Whenever you get any kind of statement, it probably wouldn't be a bad idea to go through it and verify all purchases and charges were made by you," he said.

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