



# 2024 FRAUD TRENDS

City of Auburn Police Department

DOUGLAS J. WATSON MUNICIPAL COMPLEX  
PUBLIC SAFETY CENTER



Fire Station #1  
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City Council Chamber  
Magistrates & Records

Public Safety  
Court Room

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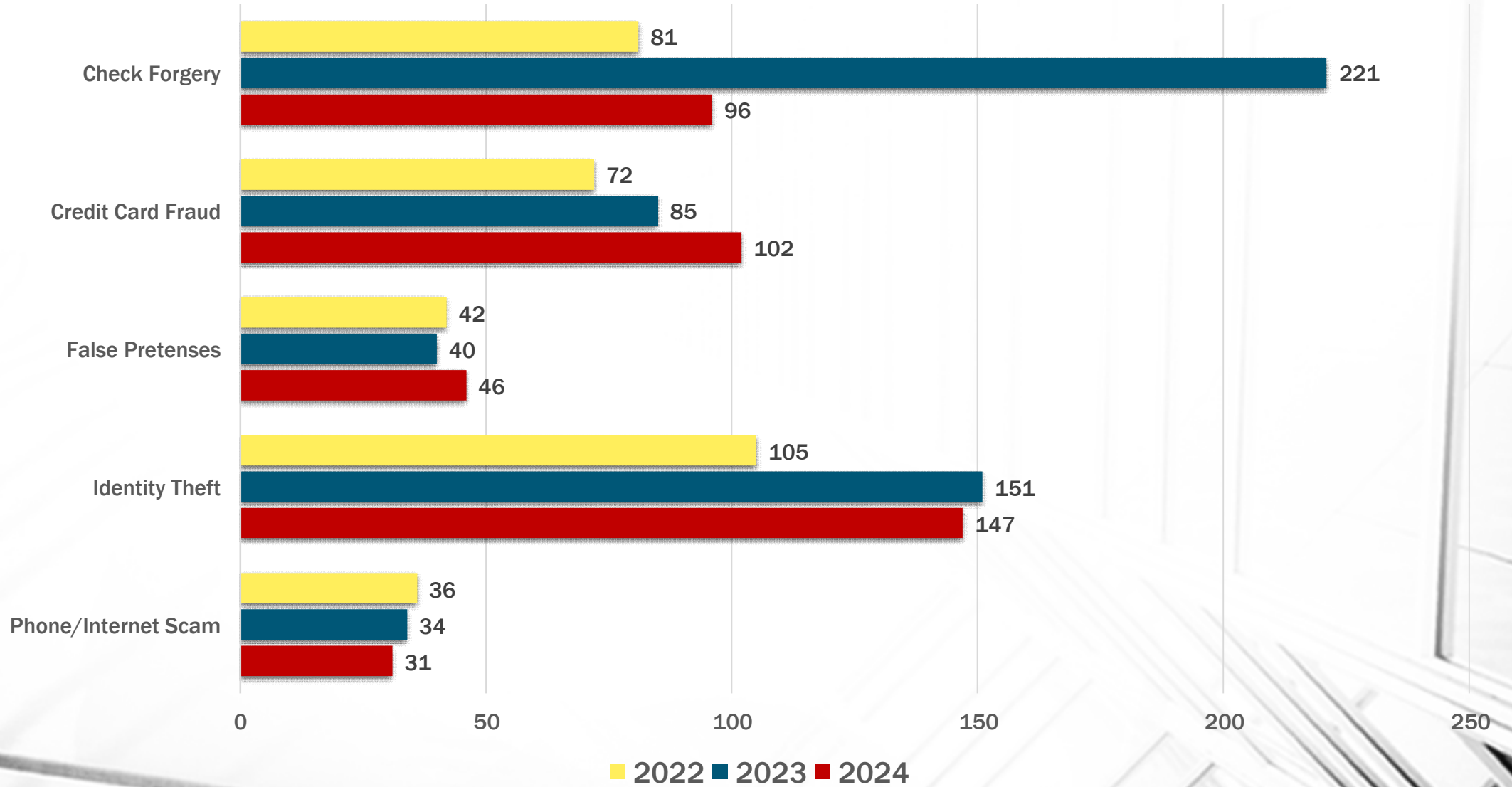
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# FRAUD CRIME TRENDS 2022 - 2024



# Current Trends

- Stolen Checks and Sold Payroll Checks
- Altered Emails and Other Email Scams
- Phone Scams – fake investigation; missed court dates; etc
- Forged Checks – Printed using stolen account numbers
- Internet Scams – AU students are common victims
- Bitcoin taking over gift cards as preferred payment form
- InstaCart; Video capture of debit/credits; etc
- Fake concert tickets sales

# Tips & Suggestions

- Email is not a safe means of communication
  - Make a follow-up phone call
- Reduce the use of physical checks
  - Vendor Payments – Use ACH or Bill Pay in lieu of mailing checks
  - Consider tap to pay, tokenized payment, Apple Pay, Google Pay, etc.
- IC3.gov
  - Report quickly
- What we need...
  - Account/Routing Numbers
  - Transaction Date/Time
  - \$ Amounts (altered?)
  - Copies of Original Check
  - Payee's Financial Institution Name
  - Affidavit of Forgery
  - Method of Delivery



**THE END**



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