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Fraud Alert!

Giving to your loved ones this Valentine's Day

It's that special time of year where love is blossoming and sparks are flying! Valentine's Day is a wonderful holiday to show your loved ones how much you appreciate them; perhaps through a lovely card or maybe a bouquet of roses.



Whatever the gift, make sure the company you are ordering from is legitimate and has good customer ratings. An article from <http://www.huffingtonpost.com> describes incidents in which customers bought flowers for their loved ones and when the recipients received these gifts they were actually fake flowers. Here are ways <http://www.huffingtonpost.com> recommends to avoid this fraudulent scam:

- Make sure the physical location, contact information and fees for the florist who's actually fulfilling your order are fully disclosed -- third parties are often used around holidays.
- Pay by credit card so if there's a problem you can dispute it with your card issuer.
- Ask for referrals from friends and check for complaints with the Better Business Bureau.
- If you receive an email saying there's a problem with your order, call the florist directly to make sure it's legitimate; don't click on any links -- they could be malware.

By taking these tips into consideration it is our wish that you have the most fulfilling and fraudulent free Valentine's Day!

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215-348-3852

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