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Sting catches 40 on criminal charges

Perhaps they should have been tipped off by the fact that the comptroller's office isn't open on the weekends, or that you can't get a tax refund if you don't pay your taxes.

Either way, 40 people wanted on criminal warrants trekked to Annapolis Oct. 20 to claim a phony tax refund and left in handcuffs.

In what could be considered the Publisher's Clearinghouse Sweepstakes of police stings, the Anne Arundel County Sheriff's Office sent letters to 500 people this month, announcing that a computer glitch meant there was a \$572.26 check with their name on it that could be picked up in person.

Once they arrived and their identities were confirmed, deputies placed them under arrest.

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