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SUBJECT: Craigslist rental scams detected in Port St. Lucie.

On March 17, 2016, Port St. Lucie Police was called to two locations for reports of Craigslist rental scam. In both cases homes that were either owned or vacant were listed on Craigslist as property for rent.

The first incident the victim told police that she and her husband had recently bought a house in Port St. Lucie located in the 400 block of SE Evergreen Terrace. The victims received a call from her realtor that her recently purchased house was posted on Craigslist for rent in the amount of \$1,100.00 a month. The victim told police that she contacted the listing party from the Craigslist add and was told she could stop by the house to check out the home.

The second incident, the realtor who is in charge of listing a home located in the 1500 block of SW Tiskilwa Avenue found a Craigslist add for the this home listed for rent in the amount of \$600.00. The realtor told police that she lives near the home, which is vacant, and has continually seen people coming by the house to see the property.

In both cases the listings of the homes on Craigslist are illegitimate. Craigslist has been contacted and a request was placed to remove the listings of the homes.