Chickahominy Area Triad

Scam Alert #48

Be Aware, Be Smart, Stay Protected

Serving the Counties of New Kent and Charles City, VA.

Type	Synopsis of Reported Incidents
Fraud - SCAM	The victim reported receiving a phone call from a scammer claiming to be with the Sheriff's Office regarding the victim missing a court date. The scammer advised that the victim that they could avoid being charged by paying a fee through a barcode. After the funds were transferred, the victim recognized the scam and stopped all contact with the suspects. The deputy advised the victim that local law enforce authorities would never contact somebody to pay a fine to avoid arrest, nor will any law enforcement agency.
Fraud - SCAM	The victim reported noticing that they were unable to access their airline account and discovered that the email had been changed to the account. The victim then found that the scammer had transferred airline miles into a gift card. The victim notified the airline, which required a police report for reimbursement. Investigation open and pending.
Fraud - SCAM	The victim reported writing a check for payment, which was later deposited online by the scammer. The victim then reported receiving a text message for the same scammer relating that the check had been altered and cashed by a different person. The victim notified their bank, which locked the victim's account. No suspects have been identified at this time.
Fraud - SCAM	The victim reported mailing a check for a payment, but the intended recipient reported never receiving it. Further investigation by the victim showed that the check had been altered and cashed. No suspects have been identified at this time. Local law enforcement authorities if open and ongoing.

Fraud -- SCAM	The victim reported receiving an email from the scammer claiming to be from Apple Federal Credit Union regarding suspicious activity on the victim's account. The scammer instructed the victim to purchase Bitcoin on a specific CashApp account which linked to the victim's card. After the funds were transferred, the scammer informed the victim's his other bank accounts had also been compromised, and he needed to transfer additional funds immediately. After the additional funds were transferred, the victim recognized the scam and stopped all contact with the suspects. The victim contacted the legitimate Apple Federal Credit Union, which advised the victim of the scam. The occurrence was reported to local authorities and is currently under investigation.
	The victim reported writing a check for a payment, which was later deposited online by the recipient. The victim then reported receiving a text message that stated the same check had been altered and cashed by a different person. The victim notified their bank, which locked the victim's account. No suspects have been identified at this time.

NOTE: The above reported occurrences are true. However, they **did not** **occur within New Kent County or Charles City County, Virginia.** These incidents of fraud were reported to a local, state, or federal law enforcement agency, AARP or to the Better Business Bureau. Stay alert, do not become a victim.

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