



Chickahominy Area Triad

Scam Alert #39

Be Aware, Be Smart, Stay Protected

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

| Type | Synopsis of Reported Incidents |
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| Fraud - SCAM | The scammer emailed the victim claiming to be from the County Planning Commission. The victim reported that the email contained the official County seal and instructed the victim to wire funds directly into a specific bank account. The email also contained personally identifiable information and referenced specific statements made by the victim. The victim immediately notified authorities and the parties involved, including the County Planning and Zoning Department. |
| Fraud- SCAM | The victim received an email from the scammer claiming to be from PayPal, inquiring about a possible fraudulent purchase. The victim was advised to contact a number if the purchase was unauthorized. After calling the number, the scammer moved funds from the victim's savings account to their checking account. The scammer then informed the victim to withdraw the funds and send them to the scammer's PayPal account for reimbursement for the fraudulent purchase. Once arriving at the bank, the victim was informed of the scam and was advised to avoid the scammer's calls. |
| Fraud - SCAM | The victim received several calls from a scammer identifying himself as an employee of the victim's bank. The scammer reported that the account was compromised and instructed the victim to send funds through Zelle or Cash App. The victim received a series of messages and transferred the funds. The victim then contacted the USAA fraud department and recognized that the previous messages had been part of a scam. The fraud department froze the victim's accounts and initiated an investigation. The victim was advised to block the scammer's numbers, ignore future calls, and change all compromised passwords. |

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| <p>Fraud - SCAM</p> | <p>The victim received an email claiming to be from UPS regarding an incoming package. The victim started experiencing fraudulent Apple pop-up windows claiming his computer was frozen and to contact the phone number provided. The victim called the number, and the scammer instructed that the computer would remain unusable for 24-36 hours. The scammer claimed to be from Apple and would assist the victim in filing a report with the Federal Trade Commission (FTC). The scammer was able to obtain personally identifiable information from the victim. A second scammer then contacted the victim, claiming to be an FTC compliance officer and that new accounts had been opened under the victim's name. The second scammer instructed the victim to withdraw funds from their bank and transfer it to an FTC escrow account. The victim became suspicious and ended the call.</p> |
| <p>Fraud - SCAM</p> | <p>The victim received a call from an individual claiming to be with Apple and that the victim's phone had been compromised. Upon gaining access to the victim's computer, the scammer instructed the victim that they would be receiving credit from Microsoft. When attempting to accept the credit, the scammer claimed the victim had taken additional funds from Microsoft. The scammer then instructed the victim to avoid being criminally charged, the victim would have to transfer the funds back by the end of the day. The victim then withdrew funds from their bank account and sent them through Bitcoin to the suspect.</p> |

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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