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Scam/Fraud Alert Bulletin #11
Be Aware, Be Smart, Stay Protected
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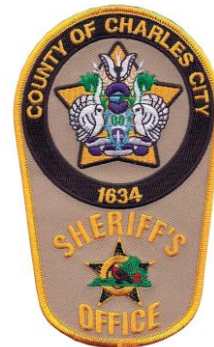
Type	Synopsis of Reported Incidents
Fraud: SCAM	<p><u>PUPPIES</u>: The victim negotiated the purchase of two (2) puppies from “Janice Alger”. “Ms. Alger” requested payment prior to meeting to exchange puppies, which the victim complied paying in three (3) increments of \$100, with the last payment sent via CashApp an hour before the meeting to pick up the puppies. Once the 3rd payment was received, “Ms. Alger” blocked the victim and never showed up with the puppies. Monetary loss of \$300.</p>
Fraud: SCAM	<p><u>APPLE</u>: Victim was struggling to set up their Apple ID, and found a number online for customer service and called. The suspect who answered stated, in order to assist with the issue, the victim would need to purchase a \$500 Apple gift card; victim complied. The suspect went on to instruct the victim to purchase two (2) additional Apple gift cards, to which the victim complied as well, providing all the gift card information to the suspect. When the suspect requested a fourth card, the victim became suspicious and contacted the Stafford County Sheriff’s Office, and found it had in fact been a scam. Monetary loss of \$1,500.</p>
Fraud: SCAM	<p><u>PROPERTY RENTAL</u>: The victim found a property for rent on Redfin.com and reached out to the agent, Roger Wellborn. After the victim spoke with “Roger”, the victim decided to rent the property. “Roger” informed the victim of the monetary requirement which required the victim to transfer, via Zelle, three (3) different payments, for a total of \$4,050. Victim complied, however, not without complications. The initial email provided to the victim would not go through, at</p>

	<p>which time a second person, Sandra Strahosky, contacted the victim. After experiencing several issues, the victim drove by the property only to find it wasn't vacant, nor was it for rent. The victim realized they had fallen victim to a scam. Monetary loss of \$4,050.</p>
Fraud: SCAM	<p>The suspect called the victim and identified himself as "Mr. Steinger", a lawyer representing the victim's son. Their son had been arrested and in order to bail him out, the victim would need to pay \$25,000 in cash. "Mr. Steinger" stated he would send a driver, to pick up the cash. The victim withdrew the money but was suspicious and called the Sheriff's Office only to learn this was the second time today that this suspect had attempted to scam money from potential victims. It, coincidentally, was also the second time today that the suspect failed due to the victims not falling for the scam and contacting the Sheriff's Offices.</p>
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NOTE: The reported occurrences depicted in this bulletin are true. **They did not occur within the Counties of New Kent or Charles City, Virginia.** However, they were reported to a Virginia Sheriff's Department in 2023. Stay alert, don't become a victim, as you can see it can be costly and please don't think that it couldn't happen to you.



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