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## ***Chickahominy Area Triad***

### **Scam/Fraud Alert Bulletin #12**

***Be Aware, Be Smart, Stay Protected***

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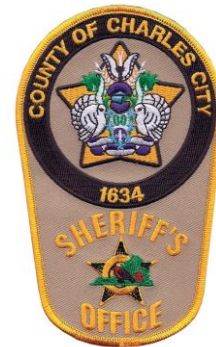
<b>Type</b>	<b>Synopsis of Reported Incidents</b>
<b>Fraud: SCAM</b>	<p>SCAM: The suspect called the victim and identified himself as “John Steinburg”, a lawyer representing the victim’s son. Their son had been arrested for a DUI and badly injuring a pregnant woman. In order to bail their son out, the victim would need to pay \$22,000 in cash. “Mr. Steinburg” went on to instruct the victim not to tell the bank why they were withdrawing such a large amount, or the bank would charge additional fees. Once the victim had the cash, “Mr. Steinburg” said he would be sending a driver, who was with “pre-trial intervention.” Shortly afterward, a car showed up at the victim’s home. The victim continued to grow suspicious and called the Sheriff’s Office, who found and interviewed the driver, only to discover they were an Uber driver who had been hired by the unknown suspect using the Uber app. The victim sustained no monetary loss.</p>
<b>Fraud: SCAM</b>	<p>SCAM: ONLINE: The victim found work tools for sale online. The victim contacted the person selling the tools, Jade Evans, and agreed upon an amount for payment. “Ms. Evans” requested payment of \$800, which the victim transferred via Zelle. “Ms. Evans” contacted the victim later asking for additional monies to cover additional fees, shipping, and insurance. The victim paid the monies, however, “Ms. Evans” continued to ask for more money to cover other costs, which made the victim suspicious. After reviewing all the facts, and still not receiving the tools after paying a total of \$2,200, he realized this had been a scam from the beginning.</p>
<b>Fraud: SCAM</b>	<p>SQUAD: The victim received an email from the “Geek Squad” informing the victim of the renewal of his membership, and</p>

if the victim no longer wants the service, to call the provided number in the email to cancel the service. The victim called the number and spoke with “Brandon Cooper” and “Alex Smith” during the duration of the conversation. The victim was instructed to download a computer-sharing program to their laptop and then instructed to log on to their online bank account. While on the phone with the suspects, the victim noticed a fraudulent transfer and disconnected immediately. The victim proceeded to contact their bank and the Sheriff’s Office. Monetary loss of \$270,000.

**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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