



Chickahominy Area Triad

Scam Alert #43

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 received a call informing them that they had won a sweepstake. The scammer then claimed to have deposited funds into the victim's account and instructed them to purchase gift cards. After the victim shared the gift card information with the scammer, the victim stopped contact with the scammer. The victim notified their bank and phone company. Victims were advised to block the scammer's number, contact their financial institution, change their account information, and notify the local authorities.
Fraud- SCAM	The victim reported finding a rental property online and completing and submitting the rental application. The victim was then contacted by the scammer, who claimed to be the property owner and requested a security deposit. After the funds were sent, the scammer then requested the first month's rent for the keys to be sent. Becoming suspicious, the victim did some research, located and contacted the legitimate property owner, who advised the victim that it was a scam. The victim was advised to notify their bank to freeze their account, alert their credit bureaus of fraudulent activity and to notify the local law enforcement authorities.
Fraud - SCAM	The victim reported receiving a message on their computer claiming that their system had been hacked. The victim then immediately called the number provided and was instructed by the scammer to withdraw funds to save their account. After the victim transferred the funds through Bitcoin, they became suspicious and contacted their bank, who froze the victim's account. No suspects have been identified at this time.

<p>Fraud - SCAM</p>	<p>The victim reported, while on a call their iphone screen went blank. Immediately thereafter and then they noticed fraudulent messages beginning appearing on their social media account. During this same period the victim also noticed several unauthorized transactions and Bitcoin transfers appearing on their bank. The victim contacted and notified their financial institution, obtained a new phone and notified the local authorities.</p>
<p>Fraud - SCAM</p>	<p>The victim reported they received a call, and the scammer claimed to be from Chase Bank's Fraud Department. The scammer informed the victims that they would be receiving a new card for their account. Shortly afterward the victims noticed several unauthorized charges and notified Chase Bank of the incident. A representative from Chase Bank advised the victims that it was a scam and informed them that the charges would be refunded. The victims were also advised to notify the Social Security Administration regarding a potential leak of personal information and local law enforcement authorities.</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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