Chickahominy Area Triad

Scam Alert #32

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 pop-up message on her iPad stating it had been compromised. The pop-up message provided a phone number to call. A male identified himself as "Davis" and explained he was attempting to find the individual responsible for compromising the victim's iPad. "Davis" further explained the victim would need to go to a Capital One Bank and withdraw enough money to lower her balance. The victim complied with these instructions and withdrew $28,000 from her Capital One bank account and deposited it into a Bitcoin ATM. The victim was then instructed to go to a secondary Capital One Bank to withdraw even more cash to deposit into the Bitcoin ATM. It was during this attempt that the victim began to question "Davis" and did not withdraw any more money from her bank account and disconnected from the call and reported the fraud to the Sheriff's Office.
Fraud - SCAM	The victim was contacted by an individual on Facebook who claimed to offer a lucrative investment opportunity. This individual was able to persuade the victim to invest $250 through Apple Pay and an additional $500 through Cash App. The claim was a "quick investment netting the Victim with a $5000 return on the investment". During the interaction, the scammers used "screen sharing" to convince the victim of the legitimacy of the transaction. They also gained access to the victim's social media accounts, using them to further their scam by posting fraudulent messages. The victim has been unable to regain access to her social media accounts, and only after her social media accounts were compromised did

	she realize that sending $750 to an unknown person was, in fact, a scam.
Fraud- SCAM	The victim received a message on her phone from Apple ID informing her she had multiple accounts open. The message instructed the victim to select the provided link, which she did, and it called an individual who claimed her name was "Hazel Smith" at 425-669-1076. “Hazel” informed the victim that she needed to contact her Bank. “Hazel” then transferred the victim to "Bank of America," and she spoke with an individual who advised his name was "Jason Matthews" and worked with the Fraud unit for Bank of America. The victim was informed her accounts were associated with a Chinese Ring of Pornography, and she would be arrested for a federal crime if she did not cooperate. The victim was instructed to take out $4,000 from her Bank of America account and take the $4,000 to a Bitcoin ATM located at 375 Warrenton Road at the Exxon. The victim was then instructed to send the Bitcoin by wire in two (2) different payments, one for $3900 and another of $100. The victim was assured she would receive the money back the following day. The victim wired the funds, and when she had not received them back the following day, she realized this had been a scam and filed a police report.
Fraud - SCAM	The victim received a call from someone posing as a Sheriff’s Office employee informing the victim that she had missed jury duty and to avoid consequences, the victim needed to purchase a gift card and give the suspect the code on the back. The victim knew law enforcement would never call requesting payment and disconnected from the call.

NOTE: This above reported occurrence is true. It **did not** **occur within New Kent County or Charles City County, Virginia,** however, it was reported to a local, state or federal law enforcement agency or to the Better Business Bureau. Stay alert, do not become a victim.

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