



## ***Chickahominy Area Triad***

### **Scam Alert #40**

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

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

Type	Synopsis of Reported Incidents
<b>Fraud - SCAM</b>	The victim reported that they received an email claiming to be from PayPal, notifying them of fraudulent activity on their account. After calling the provided number, the scammer gained access to the victim's computer and instructed them to log into their bank accounts. After the victim logged in, the scammer claimed they would fix the PayPal account after funds were transferred. The victim then recognized it was a scam and hung up. The victim notified their banks and closed all online access.
<b>Fraud- SCAM</b>	The victim reported that they received a phone call indicating they had won the Publisher's Clearing House Sweepstakes. The scammer then instructed the victim to provide their card number to receive it. After providing the information, the victim recognized that it was a scam and changed their account information.
<b>Fraud - SCAM</b>	The victim noticed a malware alert on their computer advising them to call a Microsoft representative. After calling the number, the victim was then transferred to scammer, who claimed to be investigating dark web activity. The scammer then instructed the victim to send cash through the mail to fund the agents investigating the matter. After sending the packages with cash, a second scammer, claiming to be a part of ICE, contacted the victim and stated that they had intercepted the packages. The second scammer then stated that they would return the money after a police report was filed. The victim's family member noticed that there was a misspelling in the second scammer's credentials, indicating it was a scam. Law Enforcement authorities were able to get

the packages held at the FedEx facility in California. On Monday their fraud department opened an investigation into the reported incident. The victim was instructed to notify the various credit bureaus and changed their bank account information, along with cleaning their computer of viruses.

**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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