



Chickahominy Area Triad

Scam Alert #38

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 contacted and notified local authorities that he had been contacted by an individual claiming to be with law enforcement. The individual advised the victims that there was a federal arrest warrant for his arrest relating to him missing jury duty. The individual requested funds to be paid through Apple Pay for the offense. Being suspicious, the victim contacted and notified local law enforcement of the incident.
Fraud- SCAM	A local retail store employee expressed concern about an elderly man purchasing large quantities of gift cards and claiming he was in a relationship with Selena Gomez. An investigation revealed that the man had been sending thousands of dollars' worth of gift cards over several years to someone he met through Facebook Messenger, believing the person to be the famous actress. That individual allegedly promised him a vehicle and other benefits, which never materialized. The suspect's identity is currently unknown.
Fraud - SCAM	The victim contacted local authorities and reported receiving a phone call from someone stating that they were with USAA. The scammer had details about the victim's bank account. During the interaction between the victim and scammer, sufficient information was exchanged that permitted the scammer to fraudulently access and remove funds from the victim's bank account.
Fraud - SCAM	The victim reported that for the past two years the scammer and she communicated as boyfriend and girlfriend through the Zingy communication platform and at

	<p>some point, of their relationship he began requesting gift cards because he had quit his job. She related that the scammer claimed that his bank account had been hacked and that all his savings had been taken. To help him she provided him with financial support by sending him credit cards. Finally, he just cut off all communications and disappeared.</p>
<p>Fraud - SCAM</p>	<p>The victim reported that he was contacted by a scammer who was pretending to be from the Wells Fargo's fraud department, responding to a fraudulent charge on the victim's account. The scammer then informed the victim on steps to prevent any charges from being honored, including moving funds from their bank accounts into a new account provided by the scammer. After following the scammer's instructions and moving the funds, the victim then contacted a legitimate Wells Fargo banking institution to let them know that her had completed the transaction, only to learn that he had been scammed. The victim was advised to notify the 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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