# *Chickahominy Area Triad*

## Scam Alert #27

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

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

| Type | Synopsis of Reported Incidents |
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| **Fraud: SCAM** | The victim advised he was contacted by someone on Facebook named "Lovely." This lovely lady advised she had a client that would like to purchase rights to use the victim's likeness in art portfolios and licensed work. As the conversation progressed, the victim was offered $1,000 for his image to be used. As the old saying goes, if it sounds too good to be true, it usually is. The scammer would issue the victim a "digital check" that was determined to be a bad check. The scammer would then request the money back. Since the check was bad, if the victim sent money to the scammer, it would come directly from his account. When the victim did not comply with the scam, the scammer advised he was actually an assassin with the cartel. The scamming assassin threatened to harm the victim if the victim did not comply. The victim ceased contact with the scammer and reported the incident. |
| **Fraud: SCAM** | The victim explained that he had posted his credentials online on multiple jobs sites, to include Indeed. He said he was contacted by someone claiming to be from a company Sound Cloud, in regard to a job opportunity. The victim was "interviewed" via text message and was offered an opportunity to review songs and albums, which he would invest in and receive royalties in exchange for his investments. The victim made his first monetary transfer to this contact. The money was sent via virtual currency applications, which included Bitcoin. The victim continued to make transfers during the money indifferent requested |

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| | amounts, totaling approximately $25,000, and the victim was provided with what he was told was his current account balance which stated that he had accrued net balance of over $31,000. When the victim attempted to withdraw the money, he was informed that he would need to deposit more money to allow the release of that money. The victim realized he had been scammed. |
| **Fraud: SCAM** | The victim received a call from an unknown number stating they were with Homeland Security or Border Control. The person on the other line explained that someone was using her information to open bank accounts and launder money. They then explained that she could withdraw money, convert it to Bitcoin and resolve the issue by sending $19,300.00 dollars. In attempts to resolve the issue, the victim proceeded to the Bitcoin machine and submitted the transaction. The victim stated that after the transaction was complete, she believed she had been scammed and notified her banking company and the FBI. |
| **Fraud: SCAM** | The victim advised while out on the town he received a call from someone posing as his bank. This bogus banker advised there was fraudulent activity on his account in California and the victim needed to provide account information to fix it; victim complied and provided his personal information. While the transactions in California were a lie, the fraudulent transactions after the call were real. |
| **Fraud: SCAM** | The victim advised he received an email in which the sender stated he knew the victim visited "darker corners of the cyberspace." To prevent information and pictures from being released, the sender demanded $2,000 worth of Bitcoin. The victim knew this to not be real, did not comply, and reported it. |

**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 the Northern Virginia Sheriff's Department, Police Department, or the Better Business Bureau (BBB) within the past month. Stay alert, do not become a victim, as you can see it can be costly and do not think that it could not happen to you.

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