Chickahominy Area Triad

Scam/Fraud Alert Bulletin #31

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 placed an order in early Nov 2024. The order never arrived, so the victim canceled the order. The vendor related that the item was currently on back order. At this point, the victim decided to place a second order which was scheduled to arrive not later than 11/30/24. The vendor related that they would credit the amount paid for the canceled order back to the victim's credit card. However, the victim discovered that the full amount of the canceled order had not been credited to the credit card. Upon this discovery, he once again contacted the company only to hear, "We are genuinely sorry" and as a valued customer, we understand the importance of your satisfaction and we would like to extend you a one- time offer of 50% refund on your next order. The representative related that this is a one-time offer and not part of our returns policy. Followed by, we are looking forward to your next order. I asked for a full refund which has yet to happen. After repeated attempts to resolve the issue. I reported the issue to the Better Business Bureau (BBB). Dollars Lost: $174.86.
Fraud - SCAM	The victim contacted the BBB and reported that there were people on Facebook posing as copy traders. The victim related that he I was informed how to set up his account with Nestrades.com and then to transfer a minimum of $1000 to begin trading. The victim complied; however, he did not see that any transaction had taken place. This being the case, he contacted a second copy trader, but he also noticed that $250 was deducted from his initial account. He immediately reached out to the second copy trader via Facebook messenger and asked why $250 had been deducted from this account, and response he

	received was that should not have happened. Immediately afterwards $250 was placed back into his account. I was very suspicious at this point and hoping that everything was legit. I then noticed that my account balance was disappearing. I made several attempts thereafter to contact the copy trader at the website "support@nestrades.com" but to no avail. I tried to withdraw my remaining funds, but it will not transfer. Then when I attempted to communicate with the initial copy trader, he no longer had a Facebook profile. This is when I realized I had gotten scammed. Dollars Lost: $1300.
Fraud - SCAM	The victim related that a scammer (she learned afterward) contacted her and wanted her services to help him purchase a home. Victim relates when she asked the scammer his occupation, he told her he did trading, and she related to him that she was interested in learning how to do it. The scammer sent the victim his link and she registered. They started trading, making money in minutes. Continuing, she related that she first started with a low amount $5000 through trading was able to double it. Victim related that the scammer kept pressuring her to add more because he didn't like doing small trades. She said that months went by, and she added an additional $10k. When she asked the scammer how to withdraw funds. He stated she needed a minimum of 24k in the account before she could withdraw funds. The victim related that her funds kept increasing and finally reached $30k. Now she could withdraw some of her funds. She relates that when she went to make a withdrawal her account was placed in freeze status and that the customer service alleged representative would not responded to her about releasing my funds. The victim related that she became terribly upset and learned that that she had been lied to. At this point she accepted the fact that she was the victim of a scam. Dollars Lost: $30,000.
Fraud - SCAM	The victim was contacted by the perpetrator (scammer) to purchase a Boxer puppy named Kobe. The victim received a "contract" and paid $750, $600 for the puppy, and $150 to have the puppy delivered to us in Bossier City, LA from Wyoming. The victim received confirmation that the puppy was being prepared for delivery with a

	tracking number. One hour later, the victim received an email stating that the puppy needed a thermal electronic crate, and the delivery was put on hold. The victim paid an additional $1000 for the crate, with the promise that 90% of the $1000.00 would be returned upon delivery of the puppy and return of the crate. The victim then received another email stating that the puppy needed vaccines and insurance. The victim was told that the puppy was being taken to the vet to ensure it was healthy, up to date on shots, and ready to travel before all of this. The vaccines and insurance would cost an additional $2400. The victim finally told the seller and the delivery company that she felt like they were being scammed and wanted a refund. The victim relates that she never heard from the scammer again. Dollars Lost: $1750.

NOTE: This above reported occurrences are true. They **did not** **occur within New Kent County or Charles City County, Virginia,** however, they were 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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