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Scam/Fraud Alert Bulletin #15
Be Aware, Be Smart, Stay Protected

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

Type	Synopsis of Reported Incidents
Fraud: SCAM:	<p>The victim was contacted by someone impersonating a Navy Federal employee stating someone had made a \$500.00 charge from his account. The subject on the phone obtained the victim’s security question information stating they were going to assist him with the fraudulent charge. The victim then received notification from his securities department of Navy Federal advising him someone had changed his primary email account listed to his account and attempted to transfer \$3800.00 from his checking account to another account. The securities employee would not supply him with the information regarding the other account but advised him to contact law enforcement to report the issue.</p> <p>Dollar Loss: \$0.0</p>
Fraud: SCAM	<p>The victim was contacted by phone who stated they were “Sgt. Jones” with the Sheriff's Office and stated he had a bench warrant for his arrest and wanted \$3000 for the bond. While on the phone, the victim stated that he was getting pulled over by the police and asked “Sgt. Jones” if he wanted to talk to the officer pulling him over; the person hung up. Bush did not give them any information or money. He wanted to make us aware.</p> <p>Dollas Loss: \$0.0</p>
Fraud: SCAM	<p>The victim advised he had been contacted by someone claiming to be with a company he recently applied for a job. The suspect advised they needed the victim’s social security number, bank information, and for him to purchase cryptocurrency and send it to them. Finding this odd, the</p>

	<p>victim made contact with the real company who advised they never put out a job announcement.</p> <p>Dollar Loss \$0.0</p>
Fraud: SCAM	<p>The victim received an email from a so-called recovery agent with the attorney general. The suspect advised that the reporting party had a court order and to avoid being arrested, she needed to send prepaid debit cards. The reporting party found this to be suspicious, did not comply, and reported it.</p>
Fraud: SCAM	<p>The scammer pretended to be Optimum internet/phone/TV. The call dropped several times. They asked lots of personal information, including name, address, phone number, social (we did not give), Optimum username and password (we did not give), and Optimum pin (we did not give). The representative had us unplug and replug the modem. He kept asking for numbers on our internet modem with the wrong number of digits, and he got very frustrated. He was frustrated that the Optimum pin was not on our last bill. Finally, he said we need to pay an unpaid bill of \$300 to restore the internet. That was not true. We hung up. There was a lot of background noise and I questioned whether this representative was even in the US. The real website for Optimum is optimum.net. The real Optimum (the phone number is on the bill) never asked for username, password, or social security number. They never said we had to pay an unpaid balance. There was no background noise, and they did not get frustrated. I just saw a commercial for optimum.com so the scammers are still out there. They're even offering a credit card. Optimum.com (scam) is number 1 on Google search for Optimum. If you look up their address in Long Island City on Google Street View, nowhere on the building does it say Optimum. Please stop scammers. Thank you.</p> <p>Dollars Lost: \$0.0</p>
Fraud: SCAM	<p>The victim saw a post on Facebook offering steaks at \$.99 a lb. He ordered 10 lbs. which was supposed to come frozen in 24 hours. Lots of special packages were offered at a variety of prices. No confirmation email was sent and no receipt or contact information were provided. They identified</p>

	<p>themselves as an Idaho ranch with excess product but the charge in my card was for Rikim, a Colorado company. Dollars Lost: \$20</p>
Fraud: SCAM	<p>The scammer advertised deeply discounted hotel rates on Facebook - 6 nights for \$399. The ad looked straightforward and legitimate. Once you buy, they send you an email letting you know your reservation number and that you must call 844 to make your reservation. The number that was given put you on hold. You cannot get a live person, so the victim emailed customer service asking for help. The give customer service representative you the same number to call. The victim tried repeatedly to no avail. The victim related that a friend had send a purchase request around the same time, and he too had been unsuccessful. The victim further related that the friend had received a follow-up call the day afterwards, asking him for credit card. umber, how much he made a year, and if was he married etc., questions that were unnecessary for his goal. It was at this point that the friend discovered that it was a time sh, questions He immediately informed them that he was not interested and asked for a refund. He was given a phone number to call, which turned out to be the same number he initially called! It was at this point the victim realized he had been scammed. Dollars Loss: \$440</p>
Fraud: SCAM	<p>The company approached the victim initially on WhatsApp as an "at home job opportunity." The victim related that he was taken in by on the fact that he could make "\$100 to \$150 per day", during very little. The scammer interviewed the victim, asking questions about his qualifications and he said well he would fit into the new job, his job title and basically what he would be doing. Not once during the interview was it mentioned that you would have to pay a fee before you could start your new job. The victim was asked to purchase cryptocurrency or to wire \$1,000 to a provided address to complete his enrollment and to secure job him position. It was explained that you were investing in your future earning</p>

	<p>capacity and growth in the company. They just present it to you as a work at home opportunity.</p> <p>Dollars Loss: \$1,000</p>
Fraud: SCAM	<p>The victim agreed to purchase a 1967 Pontiac GTO convertible. After numerous questions, plus viewing detailed video and pictures of the vehicle I agreed to the purchase. The advertised price was \$41,900. Negotiations went on back and forth on 1-11-24 settling on a price of \$37,000. The victim offered to send the funds via wire transfer to speed up the delivery time. On the afternoon of 1/11/24, the victim went to the bank and sent the wire transfer. Conversations went on regarding delivery updates and stopped on 1/18/24. Delivery was to have been on 1/19/24. On 1/22/24 I called wondering where the car was. NO answer from the dealer or truck driver. After calling the police in the area and checking the BBB, I discovered it all was a scam.</p> <p>Dollars Loss: \$37,000</p>

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 or Better Business Bureau (BBB) within the past two weeks. Stay alert, don't become a victim, as you can see it can be costly and don't think that it couldn't happen to you.



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