Chickahominy Area Triad

Scam/Fraud Alert Bulletin #30

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 received a call from someone posing as a Sergeant with the Stafford County Sheriff's Office. The fake "Sergeant" advised the victim had missed jury duty that day and needed to pay using gift cards or be arrested. After providing the gift card information over the phone the victim drove to the courthouse to discover the courts were closed due to the snow.
Fraud - SCAM	The victim advised she paid an individual in advance to have the flooring replaced in September 2024. Months later with no progress, she requested the money back; however, the contractor is nowhere to be found.
Fraud - SCAM	The victim received an email from an unknown person. The email was received from "Barret Tian" with an email of "ryndedielf@outlook.com". The email contained an attachment which the victim opened and read. The attachment contained a Word document with her name, phone number, and address. The unknown person requested $1,950 worth of Bitcoin and told her "You've no idea what I'm capable of during. The Word document further advised her that there was malware on a porn website she visited, which granted access to her smartphone. The unknown person threatened to send explicit videos/screenshots of the victim to all of her contacts and neighbors and the victim had one day to pay by Bitcoin to an address provided. The victim paid no money and contacted the Sheriff's Office to find out this was a scam.

Fraud - SCAM	The victim received a phone call from an unknown number. The person on the other line claimed to be a Sergeant with the County's Sheriff's Office and advised the victim that he had missed Jury Duty today and had to pay a fine or he would be arrested. The victim immediately went to a Sheetz gas station, while he stayed on the phone with the suspect, never disconnecting, and purchased $900 worth of gift cards, giving the numbers to the person on the phone. When the victim provided the unknown subject with the numbers, the suspect immediately disconnected. The victim then drove to the courthouse to find that the courts were closed, and he had been scammed.
Fraud - SCAM	The victim, after losing a job in her field of veterinary pharmaceutical sales. The victim did what most other job seekers do these days, she began visiting online job-search websites, where you can apply for positions and connect with employers who are interested in your skills and experience. It wasn't long before the victim received a text message from someone claiming to represent a major medical lab company who asked if she'd be interested in a job there. Although the position was in data entry rather than pharmaceutical sales, "It was really good paying, full benefits, work from home — you know, all those things," she recalls. She decided to go for it. But then things began to get weird. The alleged recruiter asked the victim if she had Skype and connected her to an alleged hiring manager to do a job interview without delay. Taken aback, the victim responded that she wasn't camera-ready, so the hiring manager agreed to a text exchange instead. But the manager's odd syntax — "the English wasn't even correct," she says — made her uneasy. She quickly did a Google search on the firm and found a page warning applicant about scammers who used the company name. She took a screenshot and sent it to the hiring manager, who suddenly went silent.

NOTE: This above reported occurrence are true. They **did not** **occur within New Kent County or Charles City County, Virginia,** however, it was reported to law enforcement agency within the state of Virginia. Stay alert, do not become a victim.

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