



## ***Chickahominy Area Triad***

### **Scam Alert #40**

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

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

Type	Synopsis of Reported Incidents
<p><b>Fraud - SCAM</b></p>	<p>The victim reported that they received a phone call advising them that they had missed federal jury duty and now had multiple charges. The scammer then instructed the victim to pay a fine and go to the County Sheriff's Office to sign documents. The scammer then made a second call, claiming to be from the Sheriff's Office, and advised the victim that they would be arrested without bail. The scammer instructed the victim that they could avoid the arrest by paying a fee and could do so by merging calls with the victim's bank. The scammer was then able to obtain the victim's bank account information. The scammer then made a third phone call, instructing the victim to drive to their bank, remove funds, and transfer them into Bitcoin. When sending Bitcoin, the scammer was able to obtain more personally identifiable information. After arriving at the Sheriff's Office, the scammer ended contact with the victim.</p>
<p><b>Fraud - SCAM</b></p>	<p>The victim reported they were contacted by the scammer through TikTok for financial investment advice. The scammer claimed that the victim could send Bitcoin, and the scammer would invest it. After the initial funds were sent, the scammer instructed the victim to send more, but the victim realized it was a scam. The victim informed their bank, which refunded some of the funds.</p>
<p><b>Fraud- SCAM</b></p>	<p>The victim reported that they were selling two iPhones and were contacted by the scammer through Snapchat. The scammer sent initial funds to the victim and claimed they would pay the rest later. The victim then purchased two iPhones on their personal phone plan and mailed them to the</p>

	Scammer's address. The victim's phone bill then rose significantly, and the victim has not received any further payments from the scammer. A police report was filed to remove the two phones from the victim's account.
<b>Fraud - SCAM</b>	The victim reported that they received a text from the scammer claiming to be from the United States Federal Court about a warrant being issued for the victim's arrest. Shortly thereafter, a second scammer contacted the victim and instructed them to remove funds from their account and send them through Bitcoin to avoid being arrested. After sending initial funds, the victim was instructed to send more, but the victim's partner advised them that it was possibly scam. Local law enforcement authorities were notified at this time.
<b>Fraud -- SCAM</b>	The victim reported that they received a text message from the scammer claiming to be from Apple Security advising them that their phone had been hacked. After calling the provided number, the scammer claimed that there was a balance on the victim's account that needed to be paid. The scammer instructed the victim to purchase gift cards equaling the balance amount. Once the gift cards were sent to the scammer and after accessing the situation, the victim contacted their bank, who informed them that it was scam. The bank launched a fraud investigation.

**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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