



Chickahominy Area Triad

Scam Alert #37

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 was contacted by a scammer impersonating a representative from her bank about a suspected unauthorized purchase. The caller falsely alleged that a bank employee was stealing her personal information and directed her to withdraw funds for security purposes. The victim complied, withdrawing \$1,300 and loading the money onto a prepaid card at several retail locations while remaining on the phone. After the transactions were completed, the caller informed her that it was a scam, laughed at her and insulted her (profane language) before ending the call. |
| Fraud - SCAM | The victim reported receiving several scam phone calls. During each call the scammer asked the victim to purchase Apple gift cards for a certain dollar amount. During one of the calls, the victim was told that they would receive a larger sum of money in exchange for the gift card. Sensing that it was a scam, the victim disconnected and contacted the local Sheriff's Office and reported the occurrence. |
| Fraud- SCAM | The victim reported that he had received a call from someone posing as Navy Federal Credit Union employee. The scammer advised the victim that there was an issue with his personal loan account. The scammer informed the victim, that to "sort the loan issue out", the scammer demanded the victim transfer money into a CashApp account. The victim hung up and notified the local law enforcement authorities. |
| Fraud - SCAM | The victim received an email from someone who claimed to be from McAfee Antivirus. The victim was advised of an upcoming renewal charge. The victim called the number from the email and spoke to multiple individuals who did not speak |

English well and could hear a significant amount of background noise. At some point in the conversation, the scammer surreptitiously gained remote access to her computer. The scammer then accessed the victim's online bank account. Her accounts were edited in a manner indicating an incorrect refund had been sent to her, later determined to be a transfer from her savings to her checking account, and the individual requested she retrieve \$27,100 in cash from her bank. She was informed that the money would be physically retrieved from her upon completion of the task. The victim's suspicions were incredibly heightened following this request which prompted her to end the conversation. The victim called her bank and found an internal transfer between her accounts had been processed, but no funds were transferred out. The victim immediately changed her account information and contacted the Sheriff's Office.

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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